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Bombay, 24th March, 1893.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail about
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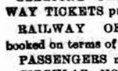

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To receive Directors' and Auditors' Reports for year ending 31st December, 1892.
To elect a Director, and Auditors, in room of those retiring by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
To declare a Dividend.
To submit Consulting Actuary's Valuation Report on the Assets and Liabilities of the Company, to 31st December, 1891.
To transact any other Business which may be brought before the Meeting by the Chairman.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
D. McLAUCHLAN SLATER, F.I.A.,
Manager and Actuary.
Albert Building: Bombay, 29th March, 1893.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held at the Club House on TUESDAY, the 2nd May, 1893, at 5-30 P. M.
By Order of the Committee,
T. W. C. LEATHEM,
Honorary Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND for the half-year ended 31st December, 1892, at the Rate of Rs. 60 per Share, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 6, Hornby Road, on and after TUESDAY, the 2nd day of May next, to Shareholders, whose names appear this day on the Company's Register.
By Order of the Board,
D. M. PETIT, SONS & Co.,
Agents, The Manockjee Petit Manuf'g. Co., Ld.
Bombay, 20th April, 1893.

In the Matter of the Indenture of Trust for the Debenture-holders of The ALFRED MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, of Broach.

NOTICE is hereby given that all the Mill Premises, of the abovenamed Company, moveable as well as immoveable, vested in the Trustees of the above-named Indenture, will be sold by Messrs. MEHLJEE JOHNSTONE and Co., Auctioneers, by PUBLIC AUCTION, without reserve to the highest bidder on THURSDAY, the 18th May of June, 1893, at 1 o'clock in the Afternoon, at No. 89, Medows Street, within the Fort of Bombay, the Office of the undersigned. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Trustees at the Office of Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co., No. 1, Forbes Street, Bombay, or to the undersigned.—Dated this 11th day of April, 1893.
NANU & HORMASJEE,
Solicitors to the Trustees.

In the Matter of the Indenture of Trust for the Debenture-holders of The ALBERT EDWARD MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED, of Broach.

NOTICE is hereby given that all the Mill Premises of the abovenamed Company, moveable as well as immoveable, vested in the Trustees of the abovenamed Indenture will be sold by Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTONE and Co., Auctioneers, by PUBLIC AUCTION, without reserve to the highest bidder on MONDAY, the 19th day of June, 1893, at 1 o'clock in the Afternoon, at No. 89, Medows Street, within the Fort of Bombay, the Office of the Undersigned. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Trustees at the Office of Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co., No. 1, Forbes Street, Bombay, or to the undersigned.—Dated this 11th day of April, 1893.
NANU & HORMASJEE,
Solicitors to the Trustees.

THE UNION SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND for the Year ending 31st December, 1892, at the Rate of Rs. 40 (Forty) per Share (Free of Income Tax) is declared payable at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 5, Henshaws' Buildings, Marine Street, Fort, on and after MONDAY, the 15th day of May, 1893, between the hours of 12 and 3 p.m., to those Shareholders whose names stood on the Company's Register on TUESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1893, on production of their Share Certificates.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
LANG & Co.,
Secretaries, Treasurers, & Agents, the Union S. & M. Co., Ld.
Bombay, 24th April, 1893.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.
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THE AGENT is prepared to receive at his Office, Victoria Terminus, Bombay, up to 1 p.m. (Gunfire), on WEDNESDAY, 3rd May next Tenders for the PURCHASE of any number out of 8 LOTS of ASHES, now lying in the Locomotive Works Yard, at Parel, and at Byculla Depot, where the same may be viewed on application.
All Lots purchased to be removed within one month from date of acceptance of tender. Tenders will not be entertained unless made upon the Company's Form (to be obtained from the Undersigned) and accompanied separately by a deposit of Rs. 25, as security for the due fulfilment of the engagement, failure in which will entail forfeiture of the deposit without the necessity of the Company having to prove any loss by the transaction.
Full payment must be made promptly on notification of acceptance of Tender and before delivery is given.
The Agent does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.
ALFRED KING,
Storekeeper.
Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 24th April, 1893.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY,
INCLUDING
R.-M. RAILWAY.
TENDERS FOR STATIONERY.

1. THE ACTING AGENT is prepared to receive at his Office, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay, up to 1 (one) P.M. Gun-Fire, on MONDAY, the 15th May, 1893, sealed TENDERS for the SUPPLY of STATIONERY required by the Company during the ten months ending 31st March, 1894, supplies to commence from 1st June 1893.
2.—Forms of Tender giving particulars of approximate requirements for delivery at Parel Depot, Bombay, and conditions on which Tenders will be received, may be obtained from the 1st proximo, on application to the Store-keeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, or the Deputy Store-keeper's Office, Ajmere, on payment of Rupees (2) Two each form, at either of which offices sample may be seen.
3.—Tenders should be superscribed "Tenders for Stationery for B. B. and C. I., including R.-M. Railway," and must be accompanied by a deposit of Rupees Five Hundred in Currency Notes. If Government Paper or other Securities be submitted they must be endorsed in favour of the Agent, B. B. and C. I. Railway.
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S. A. DUIGAN,
Storekeeper.
Storekeeper's Office: Parel, 19th April, 1893.

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Dividers from Rs. 1-8 to	7 8
Napier Pocket Compass	10 8
Proportional Compasses Rs. 8-8 to	11 8
Bows, Plain, Ink or Pencil, Needle Points	2 8
do. Electrum	4 0
Spring Bows set of 3 in Case Rs. 6-8, Rs. 8-8,	12 8
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BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Bombay Sailing Association's Race.
Mr. Ronald Smedley's Recital, Framjee Cowasjee Institute, 5 p.m.
Stanley's Opera Company, Gaiety Theatre.
Lingard's Polytechnic, Albert Buildings.
The Magnetic Lady, Eve's Floral Bower.
Madame Cora's Palace of Wonders, Esplanade.
Music on the Esplanade, 9 p.m.
Music at the Victoria Gardens, 8 p.m.
Aryan Social Union, Mr. Lowjee Jinabhai Khoja's Lecture, People's Free Reading Room, 6 p.m.
The Anjumah-e-Elmiye-e-Farsi Meeting, Hall of the New High School, Hornby Road, Fort, 5-45 p.m.
Meeting of the Bombay Revolver Club, Colaba Range, 4 p.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived yesterday:—Ebro (s), from Hull; Henry Bolckow (s), Busreh; Queen of England (bq), Bangkok; and Bombay (s), Batoum.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday:—Kt. of St. John (s), for Jedda, &c.; Vadala (s), Calcutta, &c.; Melbridge (s), Havre; and Frey (s), Hamburg.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Zanzibar direct, per extra s. s. Swordsman, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 6 p.m., to-morrow.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore and Hongkong direct, per extra s. s. Java, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 7 a.m., to-morrow.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The s. s. Knight Errant entered and the s. s. Etona and City of Venice left the dock on Thursday.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The s. s. Brindisi and Ebro entered the dock on Thursday, and the s. s. Willow Branch and Lock Etwe yesterday; and the s. s. Rheinfels and Knight of St. John left it on Thursday.

THE J. J. HOSPITAL.—The Senior Medical Officer, J. J. Hospital, begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the sum of Rs. 250, as a donation from Messrs. Ralli Brothers for the use of the sick.

THE PARSI ANTI-DOWRY ASSOCIATION.—An extraordinary general meeting of the Association will be held, to-morrow afternoon, at 4-30 p.m., at the Framji Cowasji Institute, under the presidency of Mr. Framji Dinshawji Petit.

GAIETY THEATRE.—There will be an afternoon performance to-day, at 3-30 p.m., for families and school-children to witness the burlesque of "The Forty Thieves." Adults and children will be admitted at reduced prices.

POSTAL NOTICE.—A mail for Europe, consisting of letters and packets, specially marked for transmission per Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Imperatrix, will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to the Trieste Post Office, on the 1st May, 1893, at 7 a.m.

MOONLIGHT BAND AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—The Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme, at the Victoria Gardens, to-night, at 8 p.m.:—

March	Monte Carlo	K. Kaps
Overture	Poet and Peasant	Suppe
Valse	Dream Faces	Metulex
Selection	Les Cloches de Corneville	Godfrey
Quadrille	Grand Duchesse	Offenbach
Selection	Babylonia	Williams
Diana's Hunting	Fantasia with Echo	Arndt

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

SENT TO THE REFORMATORY.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Webb, a young Hindu lad, named Sunderjee Cumulsey, was charged, at the instance of Inspector McCormack, with the theft of a gold neck ornament from the person of a Hindu girl, the daughter of Vithaldas Ambaidas, a clerk in the office of Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani. It appeared that the girl was playing on the Bhuleshwar Road, on Wednesday last, when the prisoner removed the ornament from her neck. He was observed by two witnesses to hand it to another man. The police inspector applied for a remand for the arrest of the accomplice and for the recovery of the property. The prisoner had been previously convicted; but on his pleading guilty to the charge, the Magistrate ordered him to be sent to the Reformatory.

THE MUNICIPAL INFECTIOUS HOSPITAL.—The following is a monthly return of patients treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, at Arthur Road, for the month of March, 1893:—

Disease.	Remained.	Admitted.	Total.	Result. Cured.	Died.	Remaining.	Total.
Small-pox	10	15	25	6	9	10	25
Chicken-pox	7	18	25	20	...	5	25
Measles	1	1	1	...	1	...	1
Cholera	1	2	3	1	2	...	3
Total	18	36	54	27	11	16	54

A STEVEDORE CHARGED WITH CAUSING GRIEVOUS HURT.—Before Mr. Cooper, at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Thomas Farrin, a stevedore's foreman, in the employ of Messrs. Sharp and Sons, was charged, at the instance of Superintendent Ingram, with having caused grievous hurt to a dock-labourer, named Bhikajee Satkeel, by doing a rash and negligent act, which resulted in the complainant being so injured that his right leg had to be amputated on his admission into hospital. It appeared that the accused was in charge of the loading of the No. 2 hatchway of the steamship Carrodale, which was lying in the Prince's Dock, on Wednesday last; and work commenced about 2 p. m., at the hatchway which was only half open. The cross beam and fore and aft beams, with some fourteen hatches, were still on. After a short time, the accused required the carpenter of the ship to bring him two bolts to secure the cross beam; but before they could be fixed, the hook of a crane chain, coming up from below, caught the beam and precipitated the hatches into the hold, where some twenty labourers were at work. Two of them were injured by the falling hatches, and were removed to hospital, the complainant's leg being fractured, while the other man had received a scalp wound. The superintendent remarked to the Magistrate that the accused was a very respectable man, and there was nothing known against him. The carpenter of the vessel and two native witnesses, having been examined as to the way in which the injuries were occasioned, the Magistrate granted a fortnight's adjournment for further enquiry.

BOMBAY SAILING ASSOCIATION.

The following two handicap races will take place this afternoon:—

FIRST RACE.—For ships and other open boats; to start at 4-30 p.m.

Boat's name.	Rig.	Entered by
Duchess	Lateen	Capt W F Potts
Princess	Lateen	Mr F A Little
Eve	H M S Boadicea's Cutter	Lieut Jno A Tuke, R N
Nellie	H M S Boadicea's Gig	Capt G A Giffard, R N
St Fillans	Ship's boat	Capt E P Fitzgerald
St Fillans	Lateen	Mr J Stabb

SECOND RACE.—To start at 4-45 p.m. Open to all yachts.

Boat's name.	Rig.	Entered by
Red Rose	Lateen	Lieut M A Humphrys, N Lancers
Bevis	Cutter	Mr M C Turner
La Mascotte	Lateen	Mr J Westall
Janett	Lugger	Lieut G Home, R E
Blue Bell	Cutter	Mr P Glynn Mecsant
Santa	Cutter	Surgn-Maj H W Boyd
Mannikin	Cutter	Mr J B K Macbeth

Information as to the course to be sailed will be given by Captain K. Macaulay at the time of starting.

THE MAGNETIC LADY LAYS A WAGER.

This evening a gentlemen will attempt to lift and also to force the magnetic lady off her balance at 9-30 p.m., for the sum of Rs. 250 a side. There are three trials one on Saturday, one on Monday, and one on Wednesday at the Eve's Floral Bower.

THE SUCCESS OF LABOR.

At the present time great changes are coming about in the social status of mankind. A man is not nowadays considered a god because his father was a clever miner or merchant. It is becoming a recognised fact that all men are equal—as men—and have each the right to enjoy life's blessings to an equal degree. In the past it has always been the aim of the rich to grind down the poor, and as the latter had but one alternative—starvation,—they were compelled to be thankful for what they could get. But now education is opening men's eyes to the fact that mankind could enjoy much more pleasure and comfort if such large shares of the world's wealth were not annexed by the few. The day of a great industrial revolution is at hand, and a brighter and better future is in store for us both socially and financially, and whilst paying attention to these great interests it is also essential to take particular care of our physical well-being. An all-seeing providence has so constituted the human frame that the brain is immediately informed of any organic derangement; a simple headache is a sign that the liver is deranged, or that the nervous system is weakened, which, if neglected, continues to decline; the nervous issues waste away and completely collapse and a fatal termination frequently results. Miss F. White, Auckland, writes:—I am thankful that Clements' Tonic has been brought under my notice, and that it has been the means of restoring me to robust health. I never remember a day's sickness till I was about fifteen years of age; then I somehow commenced to lose my appetite: my head ached, I was nervous, weak, pale, and languid. My parents were concerned about me, and consulted medical men one after another, who treated me for kidney disease and general debility. I only received very temporary benefit from the use of their remedies and all the time I was getting weaker and weaker. One of my friends in Sydney, knowing how ill I was, sent me couple of bottles of Clements' Tonic. I had no belief in it, but thought it could do no harm. And as a drowning man catches at a straw, I was prepared to adopt any means towards a recovery, and I am glad that I did get Clements' Tonic. I took sixteen large bottles, which is a pretty long course, but that does not matter. I would willingly have taken sixty, for it has cured me and I am now quite well, and as strong as ever I was in my life, and you are at liberty to publish the fact.

THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Society was held, at the rooms of the Society, 6, Apollo Street, on Wednesday, 26th instant, Dr. G. Watts presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of the following new members was announced:—Mr. William Crooke, B.C.S., Magistrate and Collector, Mirzapore, N-W-P.; and Mr. P. R. Natesa Anjar, Vakil, High Court, Tanjore.

The following present was announced, and thanks voted to the donor:—To the Library: From Mr. Camillo Taglibue, Professor di Lingua Indostana Nel R. Instituto Orientale in Napoli, Grammatica della Lingua Indostana O. Urdu.

The following papers were then read:—Mr. Surat Chandra Mitra, in his paper on "Notes on two Behari Pastimes," said that the customs and usages of the ancient Hindoos were promulgated by the reverend sages of that race in order to meet the exigencies of some physical phenomena of India. Even the games and the pastimes of the Hindoos were found to tally exactly with the requirements of the physical laws of the country. 'Harola,' or swinging, and 'Nilengi,' or kite-flying, were two such pastimes common in Behar. The former was indulged in by women in the rainy season alone, when it rained so heavily at Behar that women were obliged to keep indoors, and to relieve the ennui of the dull hours, they had recourse to this healthgiving pastime. The pastime of kite-flying was indulged in during the cold weather alone. It ceased altogether with the commencement of the hot weather, when an exposure to the sun during the grilling hot weather of Behar would be attended with serious risks to health.

Mr. Tribhowandas Munzaldas Nathubhai then read his paper on "The Name-Giving Ceremony of a New-Born Child," the substance of which has already appeared in these columns.

The next paper was by Mr. Kidernath Basu on "Some Curious Customs among the Kochs." In order to get rain or a good harvest the women of a Koch village assemble round a plaintain stem or a young bamboo stuck in the ground in some solitary part of the village, and throwing off their garments become perfectly nude, and dance round the mystic tree, singing old songs and choruses. When a woman is barren she supplicates the god Kartikeya. At the night of the "puja," when the ceremonies are over the males retire from the presence of the idol, and the young women of the villages divest themselves of their clothes and dance round the idol throughout the night, the musicians, who are shut up in a shed, playing during the whole time.

Mr. Kidernath Basu's next paper was on "Daskhina Raya," a modern deity. Daskhina Raya was a great tiger-charmer, who lived in the Sunderbans about sixty years ago. He was supposed to have such an immense power over the tigers that the mere mention of his name before the wild beast was supposed to keep it spell-bound. This belief led to Daskhina Raya's being considered a superhuman being. The p then began to make his images and to worship eople for the decrease of depredations by tigers. the

The business of the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the authors of the papers and the customary compliment to the chairman.

THE AUDIT OF INDIAN ACCOUNTS.

OWING to the Secretary of State having sanctioned various proposals of the Government of India in his despatches dated 25th February, 14th July, 22nd September, and 27th October, 1892, which modify the Rules promulgated by the Government of India in their resolution of the 7th May, 1892, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to lay down the following rules in supersession of those in the former order:—

I.—An audit officer before admitting in audit any charge against the public revenues, which requires the sanction of the Secretary of State, must satisfy himself that that sanction has been accorded, either by general or by special order of the Secretary of State. The cases in which that sanction is necessary are stated in the following rules; for the admission of any charges which are not stated in these rules to require the sanction of the Secretary of State, the authority of the Government of India (or, in classes of cases for which the Government of India has delegated its powers to Local Governments, of the Local Government) is sufficient.

II.—In these rules the word "salary" includes all payments to officers from general revenues, or from local funds administered by Government, whether in the nature of fixed allowances, or of fees, rewards, or honoraria.

III.—The sanction of the Secretary of State is required to the following:—

(a)—The creation of an appointment of which the salary exceeds Rs. 3,000 a year, whether permanently or temporarily. But in the case of a temporary appointment, the sanction need not necessarily be obtained previous to the appointment taking effect.

(b)—The raising of the salary of an officer, or of a sanctioned appointment, to an amount in excess of Rs. 5,000 a year, or increasing a salary, which is already in excess of that amount, whether by the grant of increased fixed allowances, or temporarily by the grant of fees, rewards, or honoraria.

(.)—All orders involving expenditure for which the Civil Service Regulations, or other authorised code, specifically declare that the sanction of the Secretary of State is necessary.

(d).—Revisions of establishment which involve additional expenditure of more than Rs. 25,000 a year. In the case of establishments such as process-serving establishments, the scale and remuneration of which are determined by courts of law under rules having the force of law, the sanction of the Secretary of State is not required under this clause, unless the net extra expenditure involved, after allowing for the receipt of fees, exceeds Rs. 25,000 a year.

IV.—The following are exceptions to the preceding rule; for them the sanction of the Government of India is sufficient:

(a)—The grant of travelling and conveyance allowances.

(b).—The grant of deputation allowances, that is, of allowances in addition to other emoluments, to officers placed on deputation, as defined in Chapter IV. of the Civil Service Regulations.

(c).—The grant of house-rent allowances, or of free-quarters.

(d).—The grant of allowances to Civil-Surgeons for charge of Railway employes.

V.—In applying these rules, audit officers may assume that all provisions of the Civil Service Regulations, the India Army Regulations, the Public Works Codes, the Forest Code, and any other authorised code have received the sanction of the Secretary of State in all cases in which that sanction is necessary. They may, therefore, admit without requiring the sanction of the Secretary of State, any pensions, acting allowances or other allowances which are admissible under the rules of those codes. Any allowances which are in excess of those admissible under those codes will require the sanction of the Secretary of State, if they come with the terms of Rule III above.

VI.—Audit officers may also assume that any general sanctions issued before 1889 (such, for example, as the orders granting personal allowances to military officers in the Police in some Provinces, and the rules under which rewards are granted to officers for passing language examinations) had duly received the Secretary of State's sanction when that is necessary, although under the procedure in force up to that year the orders were communicated to audit officers on the authority of the Government of India only.

VII.—The following rules are special for the Public Works Department:—

(a.)—No outlay shall be charged to loan funds unless the Secretary of State has sanctioned the work as one which may be constructed from such funds.

(b.)—In the case of construction of works charged to revenue, the sanction of the Secretary of State is required to any work of which the estimate of costs exceeds—

(1) Rs. 10,00,000 when provision for establishment and tools and plant is not included; and

(2) Rs. 12,50,000 when it is included.

(3) When the estimate for the construction of a work either from loan funds or revenue has been sanctioned by the Secretary of State, the Government of India can sanction outlay in excess of original sanctioned estimate, up to an amount of 10 per cent. in excess of the estimate, or Rs. 12,50,000, including establishment and tools and plant, which ever is less; but any excess over a revised estimate sanctioned by the Secretary of State can be sanctioned only by the latter authority.

(4) For the purpose of determining whether the sanction of the Secretary of State is necessary under clauses (2) and (3) of this rule, a group of works which form one project shall be considered as one work, and the necessity for obtaining sanction to a project is not avoided by reason of the fact that the cost of each particular work in the project is within the powers of sanction of the Government of India.

The foregoing clause does not apply in the case of railway or irrigation projects, the construction estimates of which have been closed, and further capital outlay on which is being incurred under the rules for open capital expenditure (vide Public Works Department Code Vol. II-XV-156 and 181 B and Vol. IV-4n-5). The Secretary of State's sanction is not required in cases where the aggregate sanctions accorded under the open capital rules exceed 12½ lakhs, but only when the estimated cost of any one work exceeds the limit laid down in Rule VII (2).

(5) In the case of Railways, the Government of India can only sanction, when the estimated cost is less than Rs. 12,50,000 and charged to Revenue, a short addition to, or extension of, an existing line, plainly requiring to supply needful conveniences to a traffic already established, on a local feeder line which is not likely to form a portion of any scheme of through communication. The sanction of the Secretary of State is necessary when the line to be constructed, however short, involves a possible extension, the general policy of which is a matter for the deliberation of the Secretary of State in Council.

VIII.—Any objection raised under these rules to any order issued by the Government of India will be reported to the Secretary of State for information, if the objection is overruled by the Government of India, and for the required sanction if the objection is not overruled. The Military and Public Works Departments of the Government of India must, therefore, refer any such objection to the Finance Department before disposing of it.

M. ZOLA has wherewith to console himself for his continued rejection by the Academy. His new work, "Docteur Pascal," is having an extraordinary sale. A first edition of 100,000 has already proved insufficient, although it is not a fortnight since the first part of the tale was published in the pages of the "Revue Hebdomadaire." A second edition is being brought up with the same rapidity. The fact that the work is the last of the Rougon-Macquart series may, of course, have something to do with the demand for it; but the undoubted popularity of the author accounts more than anything else for the heavy sale.

THE BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ON MUNICIPAL FINANCE.

MR. W. L. HARVEY, Under-Secretary to Government, has forwarded for the information of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, a copy of the resolution passed by this Government on the Administration Report of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay for the year 1891-92.

Resolution.—The opening balance and revenue of the Bombay Municipality (excluding loans taken up during the year) are shown below and compared with the figures for 1890-91:—

	1890-91. Rs.	1891-92. Rs.
General Tax	16,90,477	19,19,345
Water Tax, &c	11,49,194	11,81,129
Halalkhor Tax	5,37,222	5,55,877
Wheel Tax and Toll Fees	3,86,643	3,42,973
Town Duties	3,74,539	3,40,222
Receipts from Government	3,24,034	3,29,991
Market Receipts	3,29,276	3,46,106
Return from property, &c.	5,05,007	5,08,851
	58,81,182	60,84,703
Opening Balance	13,31,322	17,29,270
Grand Total	71,92,504	78,13,973

2. Excluding adjustment items relating to stock and recoveries for advances made, the Budget Estimate of revenue was Rs. 57,69,675, and a comparison with the above statement will show that the actuals are better by Rs. 3,15,028 than the estimate. An improvement is observable under all the heads except "Wheel Tax and Toll Fees" and "Town Duties." The head "General Tax" shows an increase of Rs. 2,29,068 over the figures of the previous year. Out of this, about Rs. 1,12,000 are on account of arrear payments of the tax on Government buildings, and the remainder represents the fixed increase of about Rs. 56,000 from the same source and additions from the general rise in the valuation of property. The net increase in the value of properties in the City is stated to be about 3¼ lakhs of rupees. The estimate of revenue from "Water Tax, &c.," though considerably larger than the actuals for 1890-91, was cautiously framed and did not allow for the recovery of much of the outstanding balance. The collections exceeded those of the previous year by over Rs. 32,000, but the estimate was not worked up to owing to a large number of bills being issued late in the year. The halalkhor tax shows an ordinary increase on value and a special one on special services, the rates for the latter having been raised. The cause of the falling off in the wheel tax is not altogether clear and the details of carts licensed, as given by the Assessor, do not agree with those given by the Chief Accountant. This may perhaps be due to the figures of the former being for the financial year. The enhancement of the duty on grain caused a large increase in the receipts from that source, which was however more than counterbalanced by the falling off in the sugar trade. The figures of the latter are remarkable:—

	1890-91. Rs.	1891-92. Rs.
Import Tax	9,21,613	6,21,089
Refunds	5,92,077	5,33,916
Net	3,32,536	69,173

The reasons for this great decline are not apparent: it is stated that German sugar has been driven out of the Bombay market, but what has taken its place does not appear. The remarks made by the Revenue and Refund Audit officer in paragraph 22 of the Revenue Audit Report show that the working of the Refund Rules requires very careful supervision. The head "Property and Miscellaneous" shows a considerable increase under the various items. The policy of speculation alluded to in last year's review was again pursued with some success, as a net profit of about Rs. 54,000 was realized from the sale of Government Paper and Port Trust Bonds, and Rs. 1,65,535 from interest on investments of loan money and surplus cash. The Budget Estimate for interest was again much too low, and the cause has been only partly explained. If works for which loans have been raised are not postponed through an unwillingness on the part of the Municipality to part with favourable investments, it is open to consideration whether the conditions on which sanction was given to the loans being raised are being adhered to.

3. The estimates of expenditure (excluding that on loan works was Rs. 67,23,082 while the actuals amounted to Rs. 56,70,693, only, showing a saving of Rs. 10,52,395. Under the heads mentioned below there were very large saving:—

Fire Brigade	.. ..	..	Rs. 55,623
Public Works (ordinary)	..	..	,, 3,31,045
Do. new	..	..	,, 1,66,934
Public Health Department	..	..	,, 1,52,413
Municipal Debt	.. ..	..	,, 2,70,987
Total	..	..	Rs. 9,81,968

The total estimate of expenditure under these heads was Rs. 55,85,389, and of this, as shown above, more than 17 per cent. remained unspent. Under the first and last heads the savings have been sufficiently explained; in the former case they were due to the provision for new fire engines not being utilized, and in the latter, partly to interest remaining unclaimed and partly to loans being taken up later

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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 28.

THE prevailing dulness in Export business was broken for a time this week by an active demand for Seeds from shippers, which, however, was not sustained; and Wheat has been quiet in tone upon the whole with but little business doing. Following the course of the governing markets for the staple, Cotton has been dull and declining, with transactions both for exporters' account and for the local Mills upon a very limited scale for the time of year, demand in the latter direction being further curtailed by the short-time movement which has been adopted. Money continues to become dearer, and the Bank of Bombay has further advanced its minimum rate to 8 per cent. An upward movement has taken place in Exchange, and rates this evening are ¼d. higher for Bank and 5-32d. for Private Paper than they ruled a week ago. Government Paper has been weak and declining, and Fours are ½ per cent. lower than on last Friday evening. Freights have been firm at higher rates, especially for prompt shipment; but the demand for tonnage has not been active. There has been but a moderate enquiry for staple Piece-Goods, and the tendency of rates is still downward; Manchester prices notwithstanding.

MONEY.—The further advance of one per cent. in the Presidency Bank's rates last Thursday seems to have had the effect of checking the demand for accommodation meantime; and the Statement of Affairs, issued on Monday morning, shows the Bank's Cash Balance last Saturday afternoon to have been within a quarter of a lakh of what it stood at on the close of the previous week, at 124¾ lakhs. The withdrawals from Private Deposits during the week covered by the Return under notice had been under 5½ lakhs, compared with 49¾ lakhs in the week preceding; but the increase in Loans had been much greater, at 14½ lakhs. On the other hand, however, it is noticeable—looking to the time of year—that the amount of Bills Discounted continued to decrease last week by some 17½ lakhs, following a diminution of 12½ lakhs the week before, thus reducing the net increase in trade requirements disclosed by the figures in the Return to under two lakhs. The position of Government Deposits both at the Bank's head office and branches was almost unchanged. Meantime, however, the demand for Money would appear to have become more active, as the directors of the Bank of Bombay at their board meeting yesterday afternoon further advanced their rates by one per cent., making the mininum 8 per cent. per annum.

EXCHANGE opened with a steady feeling last Saturday, at 1s. 2 5/8d. and 1s. 2 21-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, respectively, for near business, and at which only a moderate business was reported; and for three months' sight Credits, 1s. 2 25-32d. for April delivery, 1s. 2¾d. for May, and 1s. 2 23-32d. for June have been the ruling rates, without attracting sellers, the usual Saturday slackness of business having been increased by the arrival of the inward mail before the departure of the outward steamer. The market was quiet at opening on Monday, at 1s. 2 5-8d. for both Telegraphic and Demand, for Bank remittance, and remained thereat throughout the day without any enquiry being felt; and for three months' sight Credits, 1s. 2 25-32d. for ready, 1s. 2¾d. for May, and 1s. 2 22-32d. for June delivery were the quoted rates, and a moderate busins was done on that level. On Tuesday morning there was a steadier feeling at 1s. 2¾d. for Telegraphic, and 1s. 2 21-32d. for Demand, for Bank remittance, for which there was no enquiry; and at 1s. 2 25-32d. for the mail, 1s. 2¾d. for May, and 1s. 2 23-32d. for June delivery for three months' sight Credits. A fair amount was placed for May, at 1s. 2¾d. and the rate then became 1s. 2 25-32d. for April-May delivery, and thereafter hardened until 1s. 2 13-16d. was quoted for cash. The market opened firm on the following day at 1s. 2¾d. and 1s. 2 21-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, respectively, without attracting buyers, and, late in the day, 1-32d. higher was obtainable, and was done to a limited extent. For three months' sight Credits, 1s. 2 13-16d. was named for the mail, and 1s. 2 25-32d. for May delivery. Bills again coming out at these prices; and by the middle of the day 1-32d. higher was asked and accepted for cash. Yesterday the market opened somewhat unsettled at 1s. 2 23-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and before long the Demand rate became 1s. 2¾d., at which there was only a limited enquiry. For three months' sight Credits the rate was 1s. 2¾d. throughout the day, at which a plentiful supply of Bills was reported for April-May delivery. This morning rates opened firm at 1s. 2¾d. for Telegraphic and Demand, and remained thereat throughout, the day with but a limited enquiryand for the latter 1s. 2 25-32d. was obtainable in one direction at the close. For three months' sight Credits, 1s. 2 29-32d. was the opening rate in one direction, and a fair supply of Bills coming out for cash at the same, 1-32d. higher was asked, and 1s. 2 15-16d. was the best obtainable before long. The market closed firm at the following ready rates, forward Telegraphic being quoted at 1s. 2 21-32d. for June transfer, 1s. 2 5-8d. for July; and Credits at 1s. 2 7-8d. for June delivery:—

Bank	d/d	.....1s. 2 25-32d.
Do.	T/T	.....1s. 0¾d.
Do.	3 m/s	.....1s. 2 27-32d.
Do.	4 do.	.....1s. 2 7-8d.
Do.	6 do.	.....1s. 2 15-16d.
Credits	3 do.	.....1s. 2 15-16d.
Do.	6 do.	.....1s. 3 1-32d.
Documents	3 do.	.....1s. 2 31-32d.
Do.	6 do.	.....1s. 2 1-16d.
France	3 do.	.....1·57
Do.	6 do.	.....1·58

GOVERNMENT PAPER was dull on last mail day, and Fours were quoted at 104¼ for Money; 104 9-16 for the May settlement; and 104 5-8 for the June account, with sellers in all positions at the rates; but, towards the close, rates improved to the extent of 1-16 per cent., 104 9-16 having been the closing quotation for Money. On Monday there was a tame market, business having been almost at a standstill. Saturday's rates for Fours, say 104¼ for Money, 104 9-16 for the settlement at the beginning of next month, and 104 5-8d. for the end of the month were quoted, with buyers, all round, at the rates until near the close, when ⅛ per cent. higher was named, the cash price leaving off at 104⅜; and 100¾, nominal, quoted for 4½ per Cents. On Tuesday, rates for Fours opened at 104 9-16, 104 5-8 and 104 11-16 for cash, the early May account and the end of May, respectively; but a large seller having come into the market, and placed 10 lakhs, the feeling became weak, and rates declined eventually ¼ to 5-16 per cent., closing at 104 5-16 for Money and the next settlement, and 104 7-16 for the end of May account. The market was weak again on the following day, and rates for Fours declined to 104 3-16 for Money, and 104¼ and 104⅜ for the early and late May accounts, respectively. Thereafter, however, ⅛ per cent. of the fall was recovered, closing quotations having been 104 5-16, 104⅜, and 104½, in the three positions, respectively. Yesterday again the market was weak and declining, and rates for Fours receded to 104 for cash, 104 1-16 for the coming settlement, and 104½ for the end of May; a rally, however, took place before the market closed, and it left off at an advance of ⅛ per cent. on the above quotations. In presence of the increasing lightness of money this market has been weak again to-day but little further change has taken place in rates, which close at last evening's level.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan is unchanged at 117¼. Port Trust Bonds are 1 per cent. lower, at 103½.

SHARES have been inanimate throughout the week, and in the absence of actual business to test them, quotations are generally the same as they stood a week ago. As exceptions, however, we note an advance of Rs. 50 in Madras United Cotton Mill shares; of Rs. 40 in Indian Manufacturing; and of Rs. 10 each in Luckmidas, Manockji Petit, and Queen; and a decline of Rs. 10 in Soonderdas; of Rs. 5 each in Western India, Swadeshi, and Oriental; and of Rs. 3¼ in Mazagon. In Press shares, Mofussil have declined Rs. 5; Munmar Rs. 7½; and New Berar, Rs. 15. In Miscellaneous, Treacher and Co., have advanced Rs. 7½; Thacker and Co., Rs. 5; Kemp and Co., Rs. 3; and Marcks and Co., Rs. 2. Bank of Bombay are Rs. 2½ higher.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—Prices at Manchester having advanced 4d. to 3d. for light qualities of staple *Grey Goods*, dealers on this side meet with considerable difficulty in replacing their stocks. Demand here is, however, very slack, and rates, instead of showing an advance, continue to move downwards. Upcountry buyers have made very small purchases, and hence a material falling off in business this week. Light weights and two qualities of *Bleached Goods* are in good Demand at current rates. In *Dyed, Turkey Red*, and *Printed Goods* we have no change in position to report, and rates rule the same as before. In *Local Goods*, the demand for Zanzibar qualities is slacker, and this makes prices tend in buyers' favour. The total Clearances of *Imported Goods* during the week have been about 3,200 packages; and of *Local* about 1,200 bales.

YARNS.—The market for *Imported Twist* has been quiet at a decline of ¼ anna per lb., only a small business having been reported. A good many spinners of *Local Yarn* have accepted a considerable reduction in prices, which consequently show a fall of ⅛ to ¼ anna per lb. as compared with rates of about two months ago. The demand for Calcutta qualities is good, however, and is running on 21s. and 22s. The week's Sales are estimated at some 5,000 bales, and the market closed dull at the following official quotations:—

Twist...	... No. 6s Mule, As. 5	to 5½	per lb.
,, ...	... ,, 8s ,, ,, 5½	,, 5¾	,,
,, ...	... ,, 10s ,, ,, 5¾	,, 5 5/8	,,
,, ...	... ,, 12s ,, ,, 5¾	,, 5¾	,,
,, ...	... ,, 16s ,, ,, 5 7/8	,, 6¼	,,
,, ...	... ,, 20s ,, ,, 6¼	,, 6 5/8	,,
,, ...	... ,, 24s ,, ,, 6¾	,, 7	,,
,, ...	... ,, 30s ,, ,, 7	,, 7 5/8	,,
,, ...	... ,, 40s ,, ,, 8¼	,,	,,

METALS.—Prices of *Copper* have declined 4 annas per cwt. in a quiet market, and with only a small business passing. *Yellow metal* is 6 annas per cwt. lower, and has also been quiet, with very little doing. Iron has been taken to a moderate extent, and is steady at previous quotations.

COAL.—The Market for this mineral is much the same as it was last week, ready Powell's Duffryn being in enquiry at Rs. 15¼ per ton; and for late shipment this month at Rs. 15 per ton. For Davison's West Hartley, Rs. 16¼ per ton, has been paid for retail lots overside, the "Mab" (S), now discharging. We hear of the sale of 1,700 tons of Longrigg due next month, at Rs. 15 per ton; the market closing quiet, especially for May-June shipment, and for which there are sellers at Rs. 14½ per ton, but without finding buyers. We quote alongside:—

Welsh Hartley	.....Rs. 15½ per ton.
West do.	..... ,, 16 ,,
Australian	..... ,, 14 ,,
Cardiff	..... ,, 15½ ,,

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—Under the influence of telegraphic advices from Liverpool and New York, prices of this staple have declined here almost daily in a dull or quiet market, while business has continued to be upon a very small scale, both for exporters' and local spinners' account. The purchases by the former during the week aggregate some 3,500 bales, consisting chiefly of Broach, Dhollera, Bhownugger, Bengals, and Oomra descriptions, and including some contracts for Dharwar, for May delivery, and Westerns for May-June; while the Mills have taken about the same quantity of Broach, Dhollera, and Oomra kinds, Bengals, and Dharwar. This evening the market closed dull, with prices Rs. 10 to Rs. 14 lower than they were a week ago.

The Receipts of Cotton of this season's crop during the past week have been 78,000 bales, compared with 79,000 bales arrived in the previous week, and 91,500 bales in the corresponding week last year; and the total Receipts of new Cotton this season now show an excess of 33,500 bales as against those for last year in the same time.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalent in Sterling, Cost, and Freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without Commission, *viz.*:—

Cotton—	Per candy.—Per lb.
Broach Fine	Rs. 226—4 9-32.
Do. Good ,,	,, 221—4 3-16.
Bengal Fine	,, 203—3 7-32.
Do. Fully Good	,, 191—3 5-32.
Do. Good	,, 182—3 15-32.
Dhollera Fine (May)	,, 210—4d.
Do. Fully Good ,,	,, 201—3 13-16.
Do. Good ,,	,, 192—3 21-32.
Khandeish, Fully Good, ,,	,, 195—3 23-32.
Oomra ,,	,, 212—4 1-32.
Bealaon, Fine ,,	,, 202—3 27-32.
Do. Fully Good ,,	,, 192—3 21-32.
S G Dharwar Good (May)	,, 201—3 31.
Westerns ,, ,,	,, 195—3 25-32.

The arrivals of new Cotton into Bombay this year as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season 1892-93.	Season 1891-92.
	F. P. Bales.	F. P. Bales.
Khandeish	212,000	250,000
Berar	191,000	263,000
Barsi and Nugger	62,000	72,000
Bengals	182,000	94,500
Hinguughat	7,500	2,000
Persian and Sind	0,500	17,500
Dhollera	161,000	118,000
Broach	140,000	155,000
Compta and Dharwar	23,500	4,000
	1,009,500	976,000

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1893. Bales.	1892. Bales.	1891. Bales.
For the week	78,405	92,315	67,195
From 1st Jan. to 27th April	874,942	935,767	1,201,941
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	29,719	55,161	54,921
From 1st Jan. to 27th April	373,993	412,233	592,616
Clearances to Calcutta, China, &c.			
For the week	4,324	1,946	4,636
From 1st Jan. to 27th April	65,312	86,799	44,722

WHEAT.—Although rather more has been doing for export on some days the market has been quiet generally, with business upon a small scale. Prices have fluctuated slightly; but they are, on the whole, rather lower than they ruled a week ago. We quote:—

White Pessy 91 per cent.	...Rs.	4 11 3	per cwt.
Do. 85 ,,	,,	4 10 3	,,
No. 1 Club Delhi	,,	4 9 3	,,
Red Delhi	,,	4 6 0	,,
Hard Yellow	,,	5 3 0	,,
Red Ahmedabad	,,	4 8 0	,,
Hard Red	,,	4 13 0	,,

SEEDS.—In the earlier part of this week an active demand sprang up from shippers, which continued for a day or two, when a large business was done, and prices of *Rapeseed* advanced 2 annas per cwt. in a firm market; but yesterday, the feeling became quiet again, and little was done, while a portion of the advance in *Rapeseed* was lost, and *Linseed* declined about one anna per cwt. We quote this evening:—

Linseed	.....Rs. 7-6-6 to Rs. 7-9-0 per cwt.
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat.	,, 7-8-0 ,,
,, ,, Cawnpore.	,, 6-15-0 ,, ,, 7-1-0 ,,
,, Red ,,	,, 6-7-0 ,, ,, 6-9-0 ,,
Gingelly, White	44-0-0 ,, 45-0-0 per candy.
,, Mixed	41-0-0 ,, 42-8-0

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	1893. cwts.	1892. cwts.	1891. cwts.
Wheat for the week	320,142	459,382	657,544
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	2,249,249	3,700,348	3,661,205
Linseed for the week	228,410	193,850	222,005
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	2,245,544	2,263,650	2,522,534
Rapeseed for the week	434,113	120,602	74,021
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	1,751,144	545,343	623,195
Gingellyseed for the week	6,380	10,962	21,506
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	905,967	799,102	890,900

The Clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1893. cwts.	1892. cwts.	1891. cwts.
Wheat for the Week	164,254	528,838	330,134
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	1,516,621	3,611,473	2,225,719
Linseed for the Week	251,051	127,701	203,241
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	1,689,070	1,801,891	1,636,011
Rapeseed for the Week	135,616	115,339	32,830
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	866,431	306,241	366,429
Gingellyseed for the Week	12,283	43,434	35,786
do. from 1st Jan. to 27th April	993,351	815,864	687,702

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 27.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Sales quiet.

Good Dhollera	3 7-8
The Manchester Market has been quiet.	
2½ per cent. Consols	90 1-8
3 per cent. Rentes	96½
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	103¾
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	63½
Bar Silver	38½

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total bullion, £25,300,000, decrease £400,000; public deposits, £5,200,000, decrease £800,000; other deposits, £29,800,000, increase £1,200,000; other securities, £35,500,000, increase £1,300,000; notes and gold, £16,100,000, decrease £700,000. The Bank's reserve is 46 per cent. of the liabilities.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

NAPLES, APRIL 27.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Rewa left here this evening.

COLOMBO, APRIL 28.

N. L. steamer Preussen from Aden, and the P. and O. steamer Bombay from China arrived.
S. S. Oceana left Colombo, at 4-30 p.m., yesterday.
S. S. Bengal left Colombo, at 5 p.m., yesterday.
S. S. Malwa left Colombo, at 3-30 p.m., yesterday, for Bombay.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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THE REGISTRATION BILL.

LONDON, APRIL 23.

The House of Commons have passed the Second reading of the Registration Bill.

INDIAN PRINCES IN EUROPE.

The Maharajah of Bhownugger was yesterday introduced to Mr. Gladstone, Lord Kimberley, and Sir Herschell.

His Holiness the Pope yesterday received the Maharajah of Kapurthala.

AN ENEMY OF MR. GLADSTONE.

WITH A REVOLVER—AT MIDNIGHT.

At midnight, on Wednesday, a mechanic, named Townsend, fired a revolver at a policeman, who stopped him as he was approaching Mr. Gladstone's residence.

On being searched, a note-book was found on him, wherein were numerous threatening entries against Mr. Gladstone, in connection with the Home Rule Bill.

The prisoner, who was brought up before a Magistrate yesterday, has been remanded.

LEGAL APPOINTMENT.

Mr. R. F. Rampini has been appointed Judge of the High Court, Bengal.

THE COLUMBUS FETES.

GRAND NAVAL REVIEW.

NEW YORK, APRIL 27.

President Cleveland, accompanied by his Ministers, to-day went on board a despatch vessel and steamed between two columns of war-ships three miles long amid salutes and cheers.

The President afterwards received the different Admirals on board.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, APRIL 28.

The death is announced of General Percy Guillemard Smith.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, APRIL 28.

The Carthage, with the homeward Indian mails of the 22nd instant, arrived here, at 2-30 a.m., to-day.

SUEZ, APRIL 28

The s. s. Parramatta, with the outward English mails of the 21st instant, left Suez, on the 27th instant, at 6-30 p.m.

VICEREGAL DINNER AND LEVEE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 28.

The first state dinner and levee will take place on the 24th of May, and the state ball on the evening of June 1.

DR. CUNNINGHAM.

Dr. Cunningham has arrived in Simla.

CHILAS NEWS.

The rumours to the effect that thirteen of the Durmen had been killed at Chilas appears to be quite unfounded.

There is practically no chance of any expedition starting for Chilas for some weeks; the roads being almost impassable at present on account of the snow.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

The following appointments have been gazetted :—

Surgeon-Captain C. Moore officiates as Medical Officer, Tonk Political Agency.

Mr. T. La Touche officiates as Superintendent, Geological Survey, during the absence of Mr. T. Hughes.

The military tenure of appointment of Captain C. Oldfield, Ordnance Department, has been extended to five years.

The following Officers have been granted leave of absence :—

Colonel F. Wilson, Political Agent, Bundelkhand, for six months; Majors G. Gastrell and C. Ellis, Captain P. Carnegy, and Lieutenant W. Evans, for one year each; Captain C. Johnson, for two years; Major H. Smith Dorien, for eight months; Lieutenant-Colonel J. Gordon, Captain K. Chesney, Surgeon-Colonel E. Tandy, and Major O. Davies, for six months each; Lieutenant W. Beauchamp, and Mr. R. Malcolm, Engineer, for one year each; and Mr. A. Phillips, Standing Council, Calcutta, for seven months, Mr. L. Pugh officiating.

Extensions have been granted to the following Officers :—Lieutenant-Colonel Bartholomew, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Young, and Lieutenant C. Elliot, for six months each; and Lieutenant-Colonel E. Wilson, for four months.

The following transfers have been ordered :—Captain E. Maconachy and Lieutenant G. Roos, from Keppel to Kurram; Mr. P. Creamor, from Deputy Examiner to the office of Examiner of Accounts, Madras; Surgeon-Captain A. Hendley, to the Central Provinces, temporarily; Rev. A. Finn, from Dagshai to Burma; and Rev. W. Burroughs from Burma to Dagshai.

The following reversions have been notified :—Lieutenant A. Panet, from the Public Works Department to the Military Department; and Mr. H. Talbot, Executive Engineer, Gwalior, to the Public Works Department.

The following Officers have been granted promotions :—Captain H. Thornhill, to be Major; Lieutenant W. Beauchamp, to be Assistant Surveyor, Second Class; and Lieutenant F. Dobson, to Assistant Surveyor, Third Class.

Messrs. Pudamjee, K. Wagle, and W. Williamson each receive a step.

The following Officers are permitted to retire from the service :—Brigade-Surgeon Griffith, Engineer; Mr. W. Stelle, Calcutta Naval Volunteers; Mr. H. Storey, Superintending Engineer; Mr. C. Croudace, Executive Engineer; and the Rev. J. Scohell.

Colonel G. Plowden has been permitted to reside out of India.

Major C. Yate has been granted the local rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Colonel O. Barnes and C. Munro have been transferred to the Unemployed List.

Public Works Department.—The head-quarters of the Director-in-Chief of the Indo-European Telegraph has been re-transferred to London, Mr. B. Finch being appointed Director-in-Chief.

Police.—The services of Lieutenant H. Tytler, Assistant Commandant, Surma Valley Military Police Battalion, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department, with effect from the 16th April.

Foreign Department.—Lieutenant-Colonel N. Martelli, Additional Political Agent, First Class, in the Eastern States, Rajputana, has been appointed to officiate as Resident of Meywar, during the absence, on privilege leave, of Colonel S. Miles.

Lieutenant C. Pritchard, officiating Political Agent, First Class, has been appointed to officiate as Additional Political Agent of the First Class, and as Political Agent in Eastern States of Rajputana, with effect from the date of assuming charge, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Martelli.

Captain M. A. Tighe, officiating Political Agent, of the Second Class, has been posted as Assistant Commissioner of Marwara.

The Notification, dated 7th April, replacing temporarily at the disposal of the Military Department the services of Captain C. Townshend, Squadron Officer, Central India Horse, has been cancelled.

Military Department.—The G. G. O. notifying the grant of leave on extension to Colonel E. Mainwaring has been cancelled.

Finance Department.—Mr. C. DeC. Williams, Deputy Post Master-General, Rajputana, has been granted privilege leave for two months and twenty-eight days from 17th April; and the following acting arrangements are made during his absence :—Mr. L. Waite, Deputy Post Master General, 3rd grade, to officiate in 2nd grade; Mr. C. Goodburn, Superintendent Railway Mail Service, to officiate in the 3rd grade of Deputy Post Master-General, and to be in charge of Rajputana.

Public Works Department.—Mr. W. Drew, Executive Engineer, has been appointed to officiate as Deputy Manager, North-Western Railway, during the absence of Mr. G. Rose on leave.

The services of Mr. Nethersole, Executive Engineer, fourth grade, have been replaced at the disposal of the Foreign Department for employment, in the Kashmir State.

RAINSTORM AT RANGOON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, APRIL 28.

A tremendous rainstorm broke over Rangoon yesterday, and in a short time five inches of rain fell. This is very remarkable, as we are about a month from the monsoon. All fear of a watershortage this season is at an end, as this rainfall gives over a fortnight's supply. Rain has been general in Lower Burma. There is bad weather around the coast.

LEAVE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 28.

Mr. J. R. Bell, Engineer-in-charge, Frontier Railway Surveys, proceeds home on leave next week.

DUTY ON BURMA PORTS.

The gross duty collected at the Burma ports during the year amounted to nearly seventy-four lakhs, being three lakhs below last year's collections, and two lakhs below those of 1890-1891. The collections at Rangoon were nearly sixty lakhs.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, APRIL 28.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Station Staff—Captain Mitchell, Staff Corps, Wing Officer 14th Bombay Infantry, to be Station Staff Officer (2nd class) at Kamptee, vice Captain Hogge, 12th Bombay Infantry, relieved.

Lieutenant Brownrigg, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 28th Bombay Infantry, (on return from leave) is appointed to officiate as Station Staff Officer, at Kirkee, in addition to his other duties; no qualified Officer being available for Station Staff duties alone.

25th (3rd Bn. Rifles Regiment) Bombay Infantry—Second-Lieutenant Fenn, 1st Battalion Norfolk Regiment, candidate for the Indian Staff Corps, is to officiate as Wing Officer, on probation.

26th (Baluchistan) Regiment Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Garratt, Staff Corps, officiating Wing Officer, 16th Bombay Infantry, is appointed to be Wing Officer, 2nd Bombay Infantry (Grenadiers).

Lieutenant Ayerst, 2nd Battalion, Devonshire Regiment (attached to 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers) candidate for the Indian Staff Corps, is to officiate as Wing Officer, on probation.

19th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Sartorius, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 26th Beluchistan Regiment, has been transferred in the same capacity. Lieutenant Sartorius will be graded above Lieutenant Montresor and below Lieutenant Lowis.

Captain Newnham, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 10th Bo. L. I. (attached 22nd Bo. I.), is attached to the 5th Bo. L. I. for duty, in the same capacity, until further orders.

Captain Saulez, Staff Corps, Wing Commander, 16th Bo. L., has been attached to the 22nd Bo. I., for duty, in the same capacity, until further orders.

Captain Caulfield, Staff Corps, will, on being relieved of his duties of Station Staff Officer at Kirkee, by Lieutenant Brownrigg, 28th Bombay Infantry, rejoin the 10th Bombay Light Infantry.

Major H. B. Ternan will rejoin the 12th Bombay Infantry.

2nd-Lieutenant Muntz will, on arrival in India, be attached to the 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Light Infantry, for duty.

Under instructions received from Horse Guards War Office it is notified that Captain Maxwell, on promotion to that rank from L Battery R. H. A will be posted to No. 2 Company Eastern Division, Royal Artillery, at Dover.

Lieutenant Hichens, 12th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, has been appointed to L Battery Royal Horse Artillery.

Second-Lieutenant Tudor, No. 3 Company Southern Division, has been transferred to the 2nd Field Battery Royal Artillery.

Second-Lieutenant Fisher has been posted to the No. 3 Company Southern Division, Royal Artillery.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence :—

Royal Artillery—Captain Bryant, Instructor-in-Gunnery Royal Artillery, Aden, to England, for two months, on private affairs; Captain MacMahon, to No. 6 Company Western Division, to England, from 11th June to 15th December, 1893, on private affairs.

Royal Lancaster Regiment—Lieutenant Sandbach, to England, for one year, on private affairs.

Yorkshire Light Infantry—Lieutenant-Colonel Symons, to England, for seven months, on private affairs.

8th Bombay Infantry—Lieutenant Elderton, to Bombay, from 27th April to 10th August, 1893, to study the native language.

THE MADRAS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S HEALTH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 28.

Sir James Dormer's health continues to improve, the latest bulletin stating that he is progressing satisfactorily.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF THE 14TH APRIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steam-ship Victoria, Captain A. W. Adamson, with the English mails of April 14, arrived in Bombay Harbour, at 1 o'clock, this morning. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Lt-Col. Mrs. Misses Jacob and 2 children
Mrs Oldham and infant
Miss Sorabji
Miss Bissell
Rev Watson
Miss Ozanne
Mr and Mrs Griffiths
Capt. Mrs Townsend and child
Miss Baillie
Conductor Edwards
Mr Furguson
Capt Fisher
Capt and Mrs Hamilton
Mr Clarke
Mr Huddlestone
Major Wicke
Mr F Taylor
Mr Armstrong
Mr G Davies
Mr Catchpole
Mrs Datt
Mr Binnman
Miss Lunard
Mr Miller
Mr F Burge
Lt Jones, R N
Surgn Barnard, R N
Pay-Mr H Braddon, R N
Lieut A S S Annesley
Mrs Ingram
Lady Plowdon
Mr R N Stoker
Mr and Mrs Homan and 4 children
Miss Gantz
Mr Naidu
Mr G K Waite

FROM BRINDISI.

Mrs Ditmus
Mr C J Kidd
Mr Hancock
Mr M K Heeramaneck
Capt Macdonald
Mr Benton
Capt C Temple
Capt H Templer
Col A F and Mrs Fiske
Mr K E Verschoyle
Mr and Mrs Toomry
Mr C F McCartie
Mr J A Loudon
Mr DeVaria
Mr P R Scott

FROM MALTA.

Sub-Lieut E H Edwards
Lieut Kirke, R N
Lieut Loggatt, R N

FROM PLYMOUTH.

Surgn Bourn, R N
Asst Pay Mr. Brotherton, RN
Gunner Bowen
Gunner J Oliver

FROM GIBRALTAR.—Engr Bingham.

FROM ADEN.

Lt Ditmas, D A C G
Sub-Lt da Silva Mousa
Sub-Lt J F do Pinho
Mr J M Rodrigues
Mr J J Abranches

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, APRIL 14.

IN Parliament, Mr. Chamberlain delivered a powerful speech against the second reading of the Home Rule Bill on Monday, and on Tuesday Mr. Davitt made an eloquent speech in favour of it.

Among the principal anti-Home Rule speeches of the week have been those of Lord R. Churchill in Scotland, Mr. Chamberlain in Birmingham, and Mr. Goschen at Manchester.

Mr. Balfour returned to London from his triumphal visit to Belfast and Dublin on Monday morning.

A farewell dinner was given to Sir Robert Duff, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on April 12, Lord Rosebery presiding.

Prince Ferdinand and M. Stambuloff have had interviews in Vienna with the Emperor of Austria and Count Kalnoky.

Mr. Turpin, the inventor of Melinite, who has been released from prison and pardoned, threatens to make revelations in connection with his imprisonment seriously affecting the honour of certain officers in the French army.

The strike at Hull has not yet ended, though up to the present the masters have apparently had the best of the struggle.

Disorderly scenes were created in Trafalgar-square, on April 8, by the teetotalers, who interfered with a demonstration against the Local Option Bill.

The eight hundredth anniversary of the consecration of Winchester Cathedral was celebrated on April 8 and 9.

Mr. T. H. Hatton Richards lectured on British New Guinea before the Royal Colonial Institute on April 11.

Consols, 98 7-8 99 for money and the account.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK.

Capt. F. Mackenzie, Ben. (Ret.); Capt. H. A. M. Drought, H.M.I.N. (Ret.); Sir E. A. Dashwood; Capt. Sir A. McMahon, M. G. Byng; Lieut. W. Stronach, R.E.; Sir C. de Hoghton, Bart.; Mr. Vicat Cole; and Mrs. Swanborough.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Siam, Capt. H. T. Weigholl, will sail to-day for London, Brindisi, Marseilles and Aden, with the English Mails and the following passengers :—

FOR LONDON.

Mr F D Cunningham
Mr and Mrs Royas
Mrs Steward and infant
H H Rajah of Bobbili
Revd A C Taylor
St Alfi Saints' Sister
Mr Parr
Capt Montreson
Lieut-Col Cochrane
Mr Hopkins
Mr F D Tophan
Mr Sconing
Sister Gertrude
St Groves

FOR BRINDISI.

Rev H C Carlyon
Capt W Powell
Mr and Mrs Dover
Capt Wadeson
Col and Mrs Boddulph
Mr A B Longden
Revd A C Taylor
Mr Dillon

FOR MARSEILLES.

Mrs Sibly
Mrs Reid
Miss Fergusson
Major and Mrs Porter and child
Mr C R Scott
Mr H Kay Howard
Surg-Maj and Mrs Webb
Mr C H Sisly
Mr Sheddock
Mr Tweedie
Mr W H Hussey
Mr R G Orr
Major Moller

FOR ADEN.—Mr Solcham.

THE District Magistrate of the civil and military station of Bangalore having applied to the Madras High Court to be relieved of the responsibility of trying the case of defamation preferred by Major E. A. Bruce against Captain L. S. Newmarch, Assistant Resident, Mysore, as he moved in the same society with these gentlemen from which it might be considered he was prejudiced in the case, the High Court has issued a notice to both complainant and defendant to show cause why their case should not be transferred to the file of some other Magistrate. The notice has been made returnable for the 4th proximo. Messrs. Barclay, Morgan, and Orr represent Captain Newmarch.

A WELL-KNOWN man about town has gone over to the majority. Captain Andrew Burrell Hayley who has died at the age of thirty-seven, was well-known and very popular in the world of the Bohemians, an clubs and the minor theatres. He was for some years an officer in the 11th Hussars, and on leaving the service he became chief of the police in Fiji. He counted his friends by the hundred, to all of whom he was familiarly known by the sobriquet of "Uncle Andrew."

VANITY FAIR.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, APRIL 7.

To judge by the vigorous way in which we have been enjoying Easter week it would seem as if life previously had been one long black fast—a saintly round of Lenten austerities. But we are not of those who boast and make parade of their good works. To keep scent with the Pharisaical clumsiness that leaves traces on frocks and features—with the aid of second-rate dresses and a liberal use of the powder-puff is not good form. Fasting is now reduced to a fine art—so fine that it does not interfere in the least with our tempers, our trousseaux, or our tea drinkings.

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To a certain extent scent does, however, interfere with our theatres. Why or wherefore, no one knows. There is no corresponding ran on Church pews, when theatrical stalls are empty. There is no rush for the early door of Abbey or Cathedral—no long, long *queue* of patient enthusiasts outside the unreserved seat chapel entrance. Nevertheless, though the places of worship do not show notices of "House full," the theatres have empty *fauteuils*; so the fact must be that the world stays at home during Lent in deference to the conventional. But Easter has set us free from conscientious scruples and conventionalities—Easter and the bright weather. The sunshiny bank holidays have turned the work-a-day world loose, and have shown us all how good it is to be strong, and hearty, and free to enjoy ourselves. The starlight spring nights too work miraculous cures on those diseased with winter-fireside laziness. They tempt us abroad—and once out, it is but a step to the theatres. The difficulty only is to take our choice of the different attractions. There is niobe—nearly a twelve month at the Strand, and yet drawing crowds to laugh at her classic incongruities. There is Hypatia at the Avenue and Becket at the Lyceum. But just now we are not in the humour for early Christian or mediæval martyrdoms. Charlie's aunt, a rollicking farce, or the Amazons, Pinero's smart extravaganza, is more the tonic we want in bank holiday time.

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The Amazons are not, as might be imagined, a deputation from the island of the dethroned Queen Liliuokalani, nor a representative group of the beauties of dusky Dahomey. They are the three stalwart daughters of Miriam, Marchioness of Castlegarden, who, disappointed at what she describes as her maternal muddle in not supplying the house of Castlegarden with a son and heir, determines to repair her fault by bringing up her girls as boys. It is not an uncommon thing—this motherly revolt against fate—depicted by Mr. Arthur Pinero. The only difference is that it is usually the mother of three chubby boys who, regardless of their manly strides, their boisterous feats, and unmaidenly ways, keeps them for years in the trammels of chaste blue sashes and cut-work drawers and petticoats. But Miriam, Marchioness of Castlegarden, is a woman who admires manly muscle more than feminine modesty, and makes the best of her triple disappointment by hiding it in breeches. When the play begins, the young people are grown up, and in their masculine costumes are as pretty a trio of striplings, as the most muscular mother could wish for. Lady Noeline Belturbel—or "my lord," as she is dubbed by the household in recognition of her being the son and heir, —has just returned from London, where she acknowledges to the others she has got into a qualified mess in her effort to see life as a man.

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It must not be understood that Lady Noeline and her sisters, Lady Wilhelmina and Lady Thomasin, are always free and emancipated bipeds. Once a fortnight when their mother is "at home" they return to conventional costume and are *empaynnes* just like other girls. At all other times they hunt and fish and shoot on the ancestral estate in manly freedom. It was after one of these periods of petticoat thraldom in London that Lady Noeline's little escapade took place. Borrowing *sub rosa* her young cousin's suit of tweed, and tucking her hair under a cap, the adventurous damsel stole out to see what is to be seen at night in the streets of London. Coming homewards rather tired in the small hours of the morning, she gets mixed up in a street row about a woman, loses her caps and for fear of discovery and pursuit runs wildly until broken down with terror and fatigue she faints, and is picked up by a young man who afterwards turns out to be her cousin. But she does not know this—she thinks of nothing but the danger of being found out; so, borrowing another cap, she departs without a word of explanation. Of course, she is traced, and her cousin with the excuse of restoring a family ring she has dropped, makes his way into the Castle Garden grounds, regardless of admission being prohibited to anyone besides the household except on special occasions. A family feud which has arisen out of the fact of his being a boy—a son in the wrong place —for he is heir to the title that should have been Lady Noeline's—explains his non-acquaintance with his relatives.

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But now that he has the chance, he loses no time in trying to make himself agreeable to the big boyish girl in velveteen knicker-bockers and shooting coat, whom he recognizes as his eldest cousin. By a coincidence, which is not uncommon in stageland, the other sisters have also found admirers—chums they persist in calling them—the ordinary forms of flirting and love-making being out of keeping with the manly ideal, which it is the girl's part to assume. Lady Wilhelmina, who proves to be of the studious, accomplished young man type, has a French Count as a lover—an absurd, jaunty, dandified little fellow, who believes himself to be a thorough "John Bull" because he wears a round straw hat, and says "you know," besides indulging in other less innocent conversational peculiarities of our language. As a foil to the extreme mannishness of the third daughter the little Lady Thomasin, the Earl of Tweenways, who aspires to gain her affections, a weak-kneed, short-sighted, unhealthy little specimen of humanity, full of conceit in his long pedigree, and boasting of his inheritance of aristocratic damages as evidence of family grandeur. The Tweenways, we are told, have no right to speak of—they have no constitutions, so they cannot drink tea—neither can they drink whiskey or hock, though thirty generations of them have had the drink bias. For all this, Galfred, Earl of Tweenways, seems very acceptable in the eyes of the little Lady Thomasin—a sturdy little figure in drab tweed breeches and buff leather leggings—who slaps her wretched little admirer on the back, calls him "Good man" in tones of the heartiest approbation, and drags him off, shrinking and shuddering, to see her herd of Hereford cattle.

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An invitation to come to the house—not by the usual route, but over the roofs and down through a sky light in the gymnasium, is accepted by the young man with alacrity—in spite of the weak knees of the representative of thirty generations of Tweenwayes and the inexperience of the Frenchman in feats requiring muscular effort. The Marchioness of Castlegarden being absent, the fun grows fast and furious. Refreshments are procured through the aid of Sergeant Shuter, the manly drill-mistress, and they are in the midst of a lively country dance, when the lady of the house and a clergyman enter. If it were not a play—there is no knowing how such a breach of the proprieity could be overlooked. But it is a play—Lady Castlegarden is an exceptional woman, and her nephew has exceptionally good muscles—so good as to remind her of that high type of manliness Jack, her husband, whose likeness in a son and heir, she has so ignominiously failed to reproduce. Realizing the value of good muscles, she first forgives her nephew, and then, in compliance with the clergyman's notion that she cannot well excuse one and punish the others, the three intruders are forgiven, and invited to dinner. Then the girls resume their frocks for ever and ever, and pairing off they all proceed to the dining-room.

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There are very few who witness the transformation of the three rollicking boyish-clad hoydens into three demurely-gowned young women who will not recognize that they have lost considerably by the change in beauty and charm. Miss Lily Hanbury, a tall finely-made brunette, looks too massive in the daffodil yellow classic-empire frock as the reformed scamp, Lady Noeline, while her sisters in the voluminousness of their Victorian gowns lose the grace that distinguished them in their gymnasium or shooting costumes. Miss Rose Leclercy as Miriam, Marchioness of Castlegarden, is admirable, her simple well-cut tweed dress, white vest and black jacket just carrying out the conjunction of manly feminity in her character. Of the acting it must be said that it was all round good as far as it went. But there is not much scope in the piece for special talent. The little American, Miss Pattie Browne who took the part of the most boyish of the sisters, showed a better appreciation of boyish character and a manner more free from self-consciousness than English actresses. In the part of Galfred, Earl of Tweenwayes, Mr. Weedon Grossmith was as excellently finnicking and squeamish as was required to do justice to the family lack of constitutional soundness—and thirty generations of drink bias. To sit stolidly unamused throughout a farce is not a common occurrence—with Mr. Pinero's plays it is still more impossible, and many will be indebted to him for a good laugh over the maternal muddle that gave birth to the Amazons.

ONE of the funiest incidents connected with absence of mind that I ever heard of, was told to me by a clerical friend, a Scotish clergyman, says a writer in *Hearth and Home*. He went to preach for a brother divine who was nearly stone deaf and rather wandering in mind, to the extent at any rate of frequently forgetting what arrangement he had made for the conduct of the service. In the vestry he informed my friend that there would be no Communion Service, and that consequently he was to proceed to the pulpit, after the second hymn. He accordingly did so, took out his watch and placed it on the edge of the pulpit, arranged his notes in front of him, gave out his text, and began his sermon. But in the middle of second sentence he was interrupted by a loud and monotonous voice at his back, and turning round he beheld his reverend brother up at the alter busily proceeding with the Communion Service. Tableau!

THE LEGS OF SISTER URSULA.

[BY RUDYARD KIPLING.]

THE one man of all men who could have told this tale and lived has long since gone to his place; and there is no apology for those that would follow in the footsteps of Lawrence Sterne.

In a nameless city of a land that shall be nameless, a rich man lived alone. His wealth had bought him a luxurious flat on the fifth floor of a red-brick mansion, whose grilles were of hammered iron, and whose halls were of inlaid marble. When he needed attendance, coals, his letters, a meal, a messenger, or a carriage, he pressed an electric button, and his wants were satisfied almost as swiftly as even petulant wealth could expect. An exceedingly swift lift bore him to and from his rooms, and in his rooms he had gathered about him all that his eye desired—books in rich cases with felted hinges, ivories from all the world, rugs, lamps, cushions, couches, engravings, and rings with engravings upon them, miniatures of pretty women, scientific toys, and china from Persia. He had friends and acquaintances as many as he could befriend or know; and some said that more than one woman had given him her whole love. Therefore, he could have lacked nothing whatever.

One day a hot sickness touched him with its finger, and he became no more than a sick man alone among his possession, the sport of dreams and devils and shadows, sometimes a log and sometimes a lunatic crying in delirium. Before his friends forsook him altogether, as healthy brutes will forsake the wounded, they saw that he was efficiently doctored, and the expensive physician who called upon him at first three times a day, and later only once caused him to be nursed by a nun. "Science is good," said the physician, "but for steady, continuous nursing, with no science in it, Religion is better—and I know Sister Ursula."

So this sick man was nursed by a nun, young and fairly pretty, but, above all, skilful. When he got better he would give the convent, and not Sister Ursula, a thank-offering, which would be spent among the poor whom Sister Ursula chiefly attended. At first the man knew nothing of the nun's existence—he was in the country beyond all records—but later a white-coifed face came and went across his visions, and at last, spent and broken, he woke to see a very quiet young woman in black moving about his room. He was too weak to speak; too weak almost to cling to life any more. In his despair he thought that it was not worth clinging to; but the woman was at least a woman and alive. The touch of her fingers in his as she gave him the medicine was warm. She testified to the existence of a world full of women also alive—the world he was beginning to disbelieve in. He watched her sitting in the sunshine by the window, and counted the light creeping down from bead to bead of the rosary at her waist. They then moved his bed to the window that he might look down upon the stately avenue that ran by the flat-house and watch the people going to and fro about their business. But the change, instead of cheering, cast him into a deeper melancholy. It was nearly a hundred feet sheer drop, to those healthy people walking so fast, and the mere distance depressed him unutterably. He played with the scores of visiting cards that his friends had left for him, and he tried to play with the knobs of the desk close to the head of his bed, and he was very, very wretched.

One morning he turned his face away from the sunlight and took no interest in anything, while the hand turned back upon the dial so swiftly that it almost alarmed the doctor. He said to himself: "Bored, eh? Yes. You're just the kind of over-educated, over-refined man that would drop his hold on life through sheer boredom. You've been a most interesting case so far, and I won't lose you." He said to Sister Ursula that he would send an entirely fresh prescription by his boy, and that Sister Ursula must give it to the invalid every twenty minutes without fail. Also, if the man responded, it might be well to talk to him a little. "He needs cheering up. There is nothing the matter with him now; but he won't pick up."

There can be few points of sympathy between a man born, bred, trained, and sold for and to the world and a good nun made for the service of other things. Sister Ursula's voice was very sweet, but the matter of her speech did not interest. The invalid lay still, looking out of the window upon the street all dressed in its Sunday afternoon emptiness. Then he shut his eyes. The doctor's boy rang at the door. Sister Ursula stepped out into the hall, not to disturb the sleeper, and took the medicine from the boy's hand. Then the lift shot down again, and even as she turned the wind of its descent puffed up and blew to the spring-lock door of the rooms with a click only a little more loud than the leap of her terrified heart.

Sister Ursula tried the door softly, but rich men with many hundred pounds worth of *bric-a-brac* buy themselves very well-made doors that fasten with singularly cunning locks. Then the lift returned with the boy in charge, and so soon as his Sunday and rather distracted attention was drawn to the state of affairs, he suggested that Sister Ursula should go down to the basement and speak to the caretaker, who doubtless had a duplicate key. To the basement, therefore, Sister Ursula went with the medicine-bottle clasped to her breast, and there, among mops and brooms and sinks and heating pipes and the termini of all the electric communications of that many-storied warren she found not the caretaker, but his wife reading a paper, with her feet on a box of soap. The caretaker's wife was Irish, and a Catholic, reverencing the Church in all its manifestations. She was not only sympathetic, but polite. Her husband had gone out, and, being a prudent guardian of the interests confided to him, had locked up all the duplicate keys.

"An' the saints only know whin Mike'll be back av a Sunday," she concluded cheerfully, after a history of Mike's peculiarities. "He'll be afther havin' supper wid friends."

"The medicine!" said Sister Ursula, looking at the inscription on the bottle. "It must begin at twenty minutes past five. There are only ten minutes now. There *must*—oh! there must be a way!"

"Give him a double dose next time. The docthor won't know the differ." The convent of Sister Ursula is not modelled after Irish ideals, and the present duty before its nun was to return to the locked room with the medicine. Meantime the minutes flew bridleless, and Sister Ursula's eyes were full of tears.

"I must get to the room," she insisted. "Oh, surely, there is a way, any way!"

"There's wan way," said the caretaker's wife, stung to profitable thought by the other's distress. "And that's the way the tenants would go in case av fire. To be sure now I might send the lift boy."

"It would frighten him to death. He must not see strangers. What is the way?"

"If we wint into the cellar an' out into the area, we'll find the ground ends av the fire-eshcapes that take to all the rooms. Go aisy, dear."

Sister Ursula had gone down the basement steps through the cellar into the area, and with clenched teeth was looking up the monstrous sheer of red-brick wall cut into long strips by the lessening perspective of perpendicular iron ladders. Under each window each ladder opened out into a little, a very little, balcony. The rest was straighter than a ship's mast.

The caretaker's wife followed, panting; came out into the sunshine, and, shading her eyes, took stock of the ground.

"He'll be No. 42 on the Fifth. This this ladder goes up to it. Bad luck to thim, they've the eshcapes front an' back, spoilin' the look av a fine house; but it's all paid for in the rint. Glory be to God, the avenue's empty—all but. But it should ha' been the back—it should ha' been the back!"

Two children were playing in the gutter. But for these the avenue was deserted, and the hush of a Sabbath afternoon hung over it all. Sister Ursula put the medicine-bottle carefully into the pocket of her gown. Her face was as white as her coif.

"'Tis not for me," said the caretaker's wife, shaking her head sadly. "I'm so's to be round, or I'd go wid ye. Those ladders do be runnin' powerful straight up an' down. 'Tis scandalous to think—but in a fire, an' runnin' wid their night clothes, they'd not stop to think. Go away, ye two little imps, there! The bottle's in your pocket? You'll not lose good hold av the irons. Now that is ut!—oh!"

Sister Ursula retreated into the cellar, dropped on her knees, and was praying—praying as Lady Godiva prayed before she mounted her palfrey. The caretaker's wife had barely time to cross herself, and follow her example, when she was on her feet again, and her feet were on the lowest rungs of the ladder.

"Hould tight," said the caretaker's wife. "Oh, darlint, wait till Mike comes! Come down, now! —the good angels be wid you. There should have been a way at the back. Walk tinderly an' hould tight. Heaven above sind there'll be no wind! Oh, why wasn't his ugly rooms at the back, where 'tis only yards an' bedroom windows!"

The voice grew fainter and stopped. Sister Ursula was at the level of the first floor windows, when the two children caught sight of her, raising together a shrill shout. The devil that delights in torturing good nuns inspired them next to separate and run the one up and the other down the avenue, yelling: "O—oh! There's a nun up the fire-escape! A nun on the fire-escape! and, since one word at least was familiar, a score of heads came to windows in the avenue, and were much interested

In spite of her prayers, Sister Ursula was not happy. The medicine-bottle banged and bumped in her pocket as she dripped the iron bars hand over hand and toiled aloft. "It is for the sake of a life," she panted to herself. "It is a good work. He might die if I did not come. Ah! it is terrible. A flake of rust from the long-disused irons had fallen on her nose. The rungs were chafing her hands, and the minutes were flying. The round, red face of the caretaker's wife grew smaller and smaller below her, and there was a rumbling of wheels in the avenue. An idle coachman, drawn by the shouts of the children, had turned the corner to see what was to be seen. And Sister Ursula climbed in agony of spirit, the heelless black cloth shoes that nuns wear slipping on the rungs of the ladder, and all earth reeling a hundred thousand feet below.

She passed one set of apartments, and they were empty of people, but the fire, the books on the table, and the child's toy cast on the hearthrug showed it was deserted only for a minute. Sister Ursula drew breath on the balcony, and then hurried upwards. There was iron rust red on both her hands, the front of her gown was speckled with it, and a reflection in the stately double window showed a stainless stiff fold of her head-gear battered down over her eye. Her shoe, yes, the mended one, had burst at the side near the toe in a generous bulge of white stocking. She climbed on wearily, for the bottle was swinging again, and in her ears there came unbidden the nursery refrain that she used to sing to the little sick children in the hospital at Quebec:

"This is the cow with the crumpled horn."

Between earth and heaven, it is said, the soul on its upward journey must pass the buffeting of many evil spirits. There flashed into Sister Ursula's mind the remembrance of a picture of a man gazing from the leads down the side of a house—a wonderful piece of foreshortening that made one dizzy to see. Where had she seen that picture? Memory, that works indifferently on earth or in vacuo, told her of a book read by stealth in her novitiate, such a book as perils body and soul, and Sister Ursula blushed redder than the brickwork a foot before her nose. Everything that she had read in or thought about that book raced through her mind as all his past life does not race through the soul of a drowning man. It was horrible, most horrible. Then rose a fierce wave of rage and indignation that she, a sister of irreproachable life and demeanour (the book had been an indiscretion, long since bitterly repented of), should be singled out for these humiliating exercises. There were other nuns of her acquaintance, proud, haughty, and overbearing (her foot slipped here as a reminder against the sin of hasty judgments, and she felt that it was a small and niggling Justice that counted offences at such a crisis), and—and thinking too much of their holiness, to whom this mortification, with all the rust flakes in bosom and 'kerchief, would have been salutary and wholesome. But that she, Sister Ursula, who only desired a quiet life, should climb fire-escapes in the face of the shameless sun and a watching population! It was too terrible. None the less she did not come down.

Praying to be delivered from evil thoughts, praying that the swinging bottle would not smash itself against the iron ladders, she toiled on. The second and third flats were empty, and she heard a murmur in the street; a hum of encouraging tumult, cheerful outcries bidding her go up higher, and crisp enquiries as to whether this were the end of the performance. Her Saint—she that had not prevailed against the Nuns—would not help Sister Ursula, and it came over her, as cold water slides down the spine, that at her journey's end she would have to —go—through—the window. There is no vestibule, portico, or robing-room at the upper end of a fire-escape. It is designed for such as move in a hurry, unstudious of the graces, being for the most part not over-dressed, and yet seeking publicity—that publicity which came to Sister Ursula unsought. She must go through that window in order to give her invalid his medicine. Her head must go first, and her feet, and the bursten shoe must go last. It was the very breaking point in the strain, and here her Saint, mistaking the needs of the case, sent her a companion. Her head was level with the window of the fourth storey, and she was rejoicing to find that that also was empty, when the door opened, and there entered a man something elderly, of prominent figure, and dressed according to the most rigid canons laid down for afternoon visits. He was millions of leagues removed from Sister Ursula's world—this person with the tall silk hat, the long frock-coat, the light-grey trousers, the tiny yellow button-hole rose, and the marvellous puffed cravat secured about with black pearl-headed pins—but an imperative need for justification was upon her. Her own mission, the absolute rightness of her own mission, were so clear to herself that she never doubted anyone might misunderstand when she pointed upwards to the skies, and the flat above.

The man, who was in the act of laying his tall hat absently upon the table, looked up as the shadow took the light, saw the gesture, and stared. Then his jaw dropped, and his face became ashy-grey. Sister Ursula had never seen Terror in the flesh, well-dressed and fresh from a round of calls. She gathered herself up to climb on, but the man within uttered a cry that even the double windows could not altogether stifle, and bounded into the room in circles as a dog runs seeking a lost glove.

"He is mad," thought Sister Ursula. "Oh, heavens, and *that* is what has driven him mad."

He was stooping fondly over something that seemed like the coffin of a little child. Then he rushed directly at the window open-mouthed

MAHABLESHWAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MAHABLESHWAR, APRIL 27.

To chronicle of Mahableshwar that it is now in the height of its season is to give information where notice is required, but to publish the fact that the Hill is more or less enshrouded in heavy mists from 7 p.m. onwards, rendering it difficult for the various Tekas to guide their steeds freely down some of the darker roads, may perhaps be a surprise to old frequenters of this fashionable resort. We seem to live in days for "Making Records," so perhaps it argues one not to be "well up" to utter surprise that this has been the case more or less, since we entered the last decade of the month. The knowing ones tell us we have to go back twenty years (I know nothing so far back in the limbo of time) ere we come across such another freak in the atmospheric world. But this pales into insignificance when we receive tidings from old England as to how March has given twenty-three days of sunshine, and thus beaten a record of a hundred years standing. How many of us who have experienced the bitter weather various Marches have brought it us to when on a few months leave, have sighed "would that she had taken to second beating when I graced 'home' with my presence."

But of Malcolm Peth (which to the illiterate let it be made known means nothing worse than Mahableshwar) what is transpiring up amid its mist-bedecked hills—father what is not transpiring. Sunrise sees the various "caddies" wending their ways to the Links to be followed rapidly by the doughty wielders of the pliant hickory. The Links comprise only seven holes, but they are good, *i.e.*, if scope for preserving serenity of temper is any criterion. To him who can propel in a straight line that irritating sphere with the "ill-adapted clubs" how simple it all seems, but to any who with a too ambitious attempt "press," how condign the punishment as he digs in the jungle, till an unknowing one comes up and enquires if he is on botanical search intent, and how provoking the situation while with richlich in hand he whips the rock as though he were a geologist, and the exasperating "A1" acts in any style except that of A1. Just now a weekly handicap is pursuing its course, and one wonders at the indomitable appetite for exercise when we hear of keen competitors who have been hard at it with polo, tent-pegging, cricket, or racing from 7 to 9 a.m., and seek relaxation in making their rounds between 11 and 1, and that when the cooler hours of 4 to 7 will see them equally active. There are so many golf handicaps overhead that they compare veritable "bunkers," and are nearly as hard to see through as the evening mists.

"Cricket!" one hears the scorched-up reader in the Deccan scoffingly exclaim "Cricket!" Yes probably with one wicket pitched on each hunch of "Saddle Back Hill." Not at all, Sir. We own to plateaus not too large perhaps, as well as hills here. We hear of real nets where real practice goes on day in morning, and there are some cricketers here of the first rank too. But cricket as she is played here is to be found in "the glade," where the fair sex wield the willow in a way which shows they can give points to some of their sterner brothers who have from time to time assayed to be called cricketers. "The glade" to those who have not yet frequented it let me say is Nature's cricket ground, beautiful in its silence, picturesque in the extreme with its green belt of jungle all around, meant for the "ladies' cricket ground," as much as "Lords," or the "Oval" is for men. Lady Harris seems to be at home here weekly, and last Monday the match was Married *vs.* Single, half the combatants on either side being of the fair and a half of the sterner sex. Readers may not believe it but the match was worth watching—no child's play and no quarter given. The men batted and fielded left-handed, the fielding was brilliant and nothing less, and the batting hard. Do you know how a so-called broomstick—rather a heavy-nobbed shillaghly—can drive, if not try it. Cuts, leg-bits, or drives that would mean fours on any English ground the fair ones fielded in heroic style, and now and again, as was deserved, the gallery was simply brought down. The "Singles" bravely declared their second innings closed as darkness came down, but unfortunately they left just time for the Married to get the required runs. Next Monday, a notice informs us, Lady Harris is once more at home, and the return is to come off when we hope to see the defeated side turn the tables, though one must admit they are not quite so strong as their opponents.

Of other events a successful dance at Government House rendered one of the early days of last week famous when the dancing men removed the aspersion which had been laid on them that they were in a minority. It would have been a bad job for them had there been more. To-night sees a subscription dance, at Frere Hall, which promises well, as there is no lack now of the fair ones or partners.

Tuesday was to have witnessed—what worse than mist, its first cousin rain, (another record) prevented —a gymkhana sport's afternoon, affinity races *at hoc omne genus*. Friday is now fixed for the postponed sports, and it is to be hoped they will prove a success as nothing has such a damping effect as postponements.

Shooting and tennis handicaps are on the tapis, but as they are as yet not beyond the entry stage, mention of them must be left for a later date, when their present future shall have passed into history.

THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF THE MATHARPACADI ROAD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—At its last meeting the Municipal Standing Committee considered a petition from H. H. Agha Khan, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeobhai, and others on the subject of widening the Matharpacadi Road, and referred the petition to the Municipal Commissioner for favour of report. Allow me to point out that the petitioners have asked for what is, from its prohibitive cost, impossible. Matharpacadi Road has on both sides of it tall houses, and any proposal to widen it will involve an outlay by the Municipality of some lakhs of rupees, which in the case of this road is simply out of question. Moreover, any widening of the road, which runs through a small hill that has been built over will not bring any relief to the heavy-wheeled traffic on account of the steep acclivity at one end and the steep declivity at the other. A better plan which would relieve the heavy traffic on the Matharpacadi Road and provide a good and easy means of communication between the large mills and bandsre on the East, and the localities served by the Mount and Victoria Cross Roads on the West, would be to construct a wide road on the north of Matharpacadi, along what is known as the Rose Cottage Lane. It will not only provide a better means of communication between the localities concerned, but be much cheaper than widening Matharpacadi Road, as in order to widen the already existing lane I have pointed out, no houses will have to be taken up and the requisite land consists of fields, which could be cheaply acquired. This suggestion, which I would press on the consideration of H. H. Agha Khan, Sir Jamsetji Jejeobhai and other who have sent the petition to the Corporation, is one which has already been considered and approved by the Municipal Commissioner, and actually placed before the Corporation for sanction about a couple of years ago, but the proposal was then shelved as there happened to be no financial provision for it at that time. An opportune time has now arrived for reconsidering it, and I have no doubt that if it only receives the attention it deserves, it is sure to be approved.—Yours, &c.,

April 28. RESIDENT.

THE GAEKWAD OF BARODA.

THEIR HIGHNESSES THE MAHARAJA SAYAJEE RAO GAEKWAD, G.C.S.I., Maharanee Chimnabai Saheb, C.I., the heir-apparent, Prince Fattesingrao, and the other children, Princes Jesingrao and Shivajeerao, and Princesses Indira Raja with their Mankarees, Ghatges, Powar, Fodnbooree, and Pitale, and their followers, are at present staying in detached bungalows at Lanowlee. Their Highnesses Dowager Maharanee Jumnabai Saheb Gaekwad C.I., and Ranee Princess Tarabai Saheb Bhonsle of Savant Wadee, with also their own staff and followers, are residing in separate bungalows at Khandalla. His Highness the Gaekwad and General J. Biddulph, the Agent to the Governor-General at Baroda, accompanied by the Dewan, his Deputy, Messrs. Anundrao Powar Mane, and Pitale, and Dr. Batookram, with their respective followers, proceeded to Sarhanpore to meet his Excellency the Viceroy, and after a satisfactory interview returned on the 24th instant. His Highness Savajeerao, with his Private Secretary Mr. Vanjeekar, and a few others arrives here, on Monday morning, and goes immediately by the Austrian Lloyd's *s. s.* Imperatrix to Europe. The party goes to Trieste, and proceeds by rail to the North. His Highness will spend about six months in Norway and Sweden, there being no present intention of taking a trip to America. General J. Biddulph, the Viceroy's Agent at Baroda, and Mrs. Biddulph, arrived here this morning and leave India in the afternoon by the English mail, the General having obtained three months' leave to proceed to England. During the Agent's absence, his assistant, Major F. W. Snell, officiates as the Governor-General's Agent, at Baroda. While the Gaekwad is sojourning in Europe, his Prime Minister Dewan Bahadur Manibhai Jashbai, will conduct the administration of the State, assisted by the Revenue Commissioner, Councillors, Messrs. Athle and Damresker, and other officers, on exactly the same footing as was usually done before when his Highness was away from India. The Dewan passes through Bombay this morning en route for Lanowlee and will be with his Chief, until his departure for Europe. Both the arrival and departure of the Gaekwad will be private. The rest of the Gaekwad's family will spend summer at Lanowlee and Khandalla, where they are enjoying good health.

Miss JULIA BRACKWELL FOLKARD, the clever lady [illegible] who is sending this year to the Royal Academy three portraits of distinguished celebrities in the theatrical world—Mrs. Keeley, Mr. J. L. Toole, and Mr. John Billington—is descended from an old Suffolk family dating as far back as the time of King Henry V. She is the daughter of a physician, and was born in London. Miss Folkard has exhibited for several years at the Royal Academy, and some of her works have been reproduced as supplements to illustrated periodicals. Her younger sister, who writes under the name of "Mary Tennyson," is a novelist and a contributor to the magazines. Another member of the same family, her cousin, Miss Gertrude Folkard, is also rapidly making a name for herself in the literary world, and is well-known, especially to the readers of *Hearth and Home*, by the nom de plume of "Bailli West."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE relative position of author and publisher is curiously contrasted in the wills, just proved, of the late Captain Hawley Smart and the late Mr. Francis Black, of the firm of A. and C. Black. The personality of the popular sporting novelist was sworn under £500, whilst the personal estate of the publisher exceeds £72,000. Authors are (or were) notoriously improvident; in these days they are better men of business. However, Captain Hawley Smart lived in comparative retirement for many years, whilst Mr. Black was renowned for his hospitalities. The inferences, of course, are obvious. Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, by becoming his own publisher, hopes to show authors the way to change all that.

THE grand old man of the British Museum Reading Room is unquestionably Mr. John Povey, who is eighty-three years of age, and has been a reader at the Museum for over sixty years. Mr. Povey is a wonderful specimen of a hale and happy octogenarian, and throws off "pars" and articles, with a still facile pen. At the age of twenty-one Mr. Povey was a teacher at the training school for the then National Society at Westminster, and has devoted the greater portion of his lengthy life to public teaching and private tuition, having himself received his preliminary education at what was known as Tenison's Grammar School, or generally called the Literary School, in Castle-street, Leicester-square. It need hardly be said that Mr. Povey is full of interesting reminiscences, having been brought into contact with many of the celebrities of the age. As a linguist Mr. Povey has undertaken many translations, and lately did the libretto of an English opera into German and French, and it was not until a few years ago that he made journalism his principal avocation. Mr. Povey has seen three or four generations of librarians at the Museum, and was on intimate terms with Mr. Panizzi, the originator of the great catalogue.

THE widow of Alfred Blount, the negro who was lynched at Chattanooga, Tennessee, some days ago, instituted civil proceedings, the other day, against the Sheriff of the county. She seeks to recover 25,000 dollars damages, alleging her husband was not properly protected from a mob, and that he was not guilty of the crime with which he was charged.

THE wall round the city of Babylon at the height of its prosperity was fifty-six miles in length. A wall round London would be over seventy miles in extent.

AN American pickpocket, named James Fitzgerald, fifty-one years of age, was found guilty, at Monte Carlo, the other day, of a series of robberies at the Casino there, and in the Principality generally. He was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment and condemned to pay a fine of 200f.

SIR JOHN BATES THURSTON, her Majesty's High Commissioner in the Pacific, who has been threatening to give Robert Louis Stevenson "three months' hard" if the popular novelist does not mend his ways and cease stirring up "sedition" in Samoa, is a Gloucestershire man verging on sixty, thirty of which have been spent in the Pacific Islands. He is, in the classical language of the cab-rank, a somewhat "harbitrary gent." It is less than three years since he unceremoniously bundled out of the neighbouring group—the Tongan archipelago—an ex-Wesleyan clergyman, named Shirley Baker, who had succeeded in making himself Prime Minister, and obnoxious to her Majesty's High Commissioner. And it is quite on the cards that the author of "Treasure Island" will either be similarly evicted without notice or gaoled without trial if he does not moderate his political activity in Samoa. Sir John Thurston would have made an ideal "removable magistrate" under the Balfourian regime, and Mr. Stevenson's sly reference to Ireland in his letter to the *Times*, the other day, is an artistic suggestion to that effect.

DR. JOHN WILLIAMS, who has, not for the first time, successfully attended the Duchess of Fife in her accouchement, is one of the most eminent of women's doctors, and, in his capacity of obstetrician to the Royal Family, has also rendered professional service to Princess Beatrice. Dr. Williams, who comes from the neighbourhood of Cardiff, is a man of somewhere about fifty, with a strong, clean-shaven visage, and a cool, decided manner. He lives in Brook-street, in the house formerly occupied by his old and kind friend, Sir William Jenner. Dr. John Williams rejoices in an exceedingly large income, and has been a London M. D. for more than a quarter of a century. He is a University College man, and there he has done splendid work as Professor of Midwifery and Obstetric Physician. He has examined in that subject for the universities of Oxford and London, has been president of the Obstetrical Society, and has written much about his special line of study.

THE Forban, in course of construction at Havre, is a torpedo-boat calculated to have a speed of from twenty-nine to thirty-six knots, and will be the fastest vessel of her class.

MADAME SARA BERNHARDT, it will be remembered, was powerfully impressed in Melbourne with the genius of a young Australian sculptor, Mr. E. B. MacKennal, whom she induced to transfer himself and his talent to the northern hemisphere and set up a studio in Paris. That he has not forgotten his native land at the Antipodes he has demonstrated by sending from Paris to Melbourne a striking design for a monument to be erected by the associated trades of that city as a permanent memorial of the eight hours day. It is a group of three figures, the central one a half-draped figure of a woman holding aloft a tablet on which is inscribed the motto, "Eight Hours Labour," the attitude being startlingly expressive of energy and strength. On the left is a pathetic, attenuated figure of a young man typical of the condition of labour under the old harsh conditions. But although worn down by fatigue and long hours, he steadfastly grasps the banner of his cause and fixes his eyes on the inspiring motto on the tablet. On the other side is the figure of a stalwart blacksmith, representative of triumphant labour, grasping with both hands a heavy sledge-hammer. The design has received much commendation in Melbourne, being instinct with poetry, sympathy, and vitality.

IN his will, dated April, 1891, M. Ferry expressed the wish to be buried at Foucharupt, where, to use his own words, "I shall be able to hear the complaints of the vanquished rising Heavenwards," alluding to the numbers of French soldiers who were buried there during the war of 1870.

THE Southwark Guardians have decided that the female inmates of the workhouse shall be clothed with "a little less uniformity" than at present, and have also provided that when these women go out on Sundays they shall have supplied to them gloves and umbrellas.

"MAKE not thy rosary of yew berries," says Keats, and the advice to avoid contact with the fruit of that funereal shrub is undoubtedly sound. A description which has been going on in the "Salisbury and Winchester Journal" on the subject of the curious attraction which yew berries appear to have for various animals has elicited a number of instances chiefly from farmers in Wiltshire, where, as is well-known, the yew abounds. A carter employed by Mr. Wyndham, of Dinton, after a day's work stopped his two valuable young cart horses for a minute or two near a yew tree while he hitched off the harrows. The horses at once began unperceived to feed on the yew berries, and scarcely had they reached the stables, a mile and a half distant, before each "reared on end" and fell down dead. A similar fate befell the two leaders of a four-horse van engaged in removing furniture from the rectory at West Knoyle. Mrs. Charlotte Starkey, of Bromham, also tells how some of the finest and oldest deer in Compton-park were killed by eating yew berries on an islet which they were enabled to reach owing to the lake being frozen; and numerous other correspondents cite like examples. Animals are credited with an instinctive repugnance to poisonous growths, whence Milton's quaint reference to the unwholesome plant "whereof the ewe not bites;" but this antipathy certainly does not appear to apply to the fascinating berries of the yew.

BREWERS of stout have much to answer for. Lecturing at Birmingham, Sir Crichton Browne told his audience that gout was almost unknown in Ireland until the introduction of Dublin stout. He says it is proved in from 50 to 75 per cent. of the cases that it is hereditary.

THE excitement over the Presidential election in no way affected the appetites of American politicians. This was the quantity of provisions provided for the Inauguration Ball on the 4th instant:—65,000 oysters, 600 gallons of soup, 10,000 chicken croquettes, 7,000 sandwiches, 150 gallons lobster salad, 300 gallons stewed terrapin, 300 gallons chicken salad, 150 boned turkeys, 600 quarts rum punch, 800lb. pate de foie gras, and 1,300 gallons of ice-cream.

ACCORDING to the Illinois Bureau of Labour Statistics, the American Trade Unions owe their existence to the growth of the factory system, and the consequent estrangement of the employer from the workman. They first came into prominence at the beginning of the present century, in a period characterised by the same abuses in respect of long hours, low wages, insanitary conditions, and excessive labour exacted from women and children as are recorded in England prior to the passing of the Factory Acts.

A PORTRAIT of Mr. A. N. Hornby, the famous cricketer, is one of the works that have been sent to the Royal Academy by the Hon. John Collier, who will probably be represented also at Burlington House by a portrait of his own wife—a daughter, by the way, of Professor Huxley. Mr. Hornby, who was acting as starter, the other day, in the 14th Hussars annual point-to-point steeplechases, has won distinction in other fields besides those on which cricket is played, and Mr. Collier has presented his friend in a characteristic costume.

CO-OPERATIVE MATRIMONY.

UNDOUBTEDLY the new philosophy is making its way, says the *World*. There was a time, not so long ago, when its stimulating and charmingly unconventional social theories were of necessity reserved for the private delectation of a small, not to say obscure, Inner Brotherhood, whose members were tabooed by an unappreciative and rather scandalised society as mischievous and impossible cranks. Yet, in face of all obstacles, the new philosophy has proved as difficult to suppress as the influenza, and, in its capacity for breaking out in fresh places, has shown itself a formidable rival to that triumphant pestilence. Now that one of its chief evangelists, Mr. Grant Allen, has succeeded in capturing an evening paper as his hebdomadal pulpit, the new social gospel may be said to have at last been brought within the reach of all, and no family need be without it. The suburban moralist, who has so proudly "spread himself" during recent silly seasons in the hospitable columns of the "largest circulation," is now enabled to perceive as he takes his way homeward from the City, how miserably narrow and circumscribed have been the limits within which his own philosophical flights have been confined. Thanks to the revelations of "post-prandial" wisdom which can now be procured in frequent instalments, and on sea-green paper, for the nominal charge of one penny, he cannot fail to be inspired with a due sense of the futility of those commonplace "views" which he has hitherto aired with such confident self-complacency. For it is certainly not the fault of Mr. Grant Allen if the argumentative Philistines who are wont to make the marriage question "some kindred social problem," the subject of their autumnal symposium, do not derive from his paragraphic doctrine the chastening conviction that they have all along been groping hopelessly in the dark—that they have been prevented by the sheer force of their conventional prejudices from even peeping at, much less grasping, the truth in these matters, as it appears to the enlightened eye of the new philosophy. It must be, one would think, a little humiliating for these worthy middle-class moralists to be suddenly awakened to the perception that they have been debating these vital questions from a mere "back-parlour" standpoint. That, however, is the conclusion they cannot fail to draw from the novel and—to them—probably startling evening sermons of their new and aggressively unorthodox missioner.

Already, in the earliest stages of its exposition, the new philosophy has provided a highly original and striking appendix to the "Marriage a Failure" controversy, over which so much ink was shed by unenlightened disputants, to so little purpose, a year or two ago. Who, among the army of contributors to that most melancholy of discussions, would have dreamt of impeaching the sacred dogma, "One wife, one husband," as the real cause of all the trouble? To Mr. Grant Allen is due the credit of having publicly formulated this audacious indictment, which insists upon the hitherto unrecognised fact that all our cherished moral monopolies are the outcome of "sanctity of the marriage-tie," and the rest of it, are merely so many outward expressions of that Monopolist Instinct—with capital letters—which is the root of all social evil. At the first blush the proposition is no doubt calculated to take away the breath of the average man; but the average man must be prepared for a mild shock or two when he sits at the feet of the post-prandial philosopher. And the unappreciative Benedick who may be inclined to complain that, under the laws of our social system, Force should be followed by Mr. Grant Allen, he would not be able even to call his wife his own, may perhaps be comforted to some extent by observing that Patriotism and Property are equally banned as developments of the same Monopolist Instinct in other directions. Still, it must be confessed that the condemnation whether of Property or of Patriotism lacks the novelty, to say nothing of the piquancy, which attaches to this bold arraignment of matrimony, as it is at present understood and practised among us. *La propriete c'est le vol* was the maxim of a philosopher of earlier date than Mr. Grant Allen; and as for Patriotism, the cosmopolitans and "little Englanders" have long since relegated it to the limbo of exploded superstitions. With our conventional ideas on the subject of marital relations—those ideas which we now find to be the mere offspring of the fatal Monopolist Instinct—the case is different, and it will probably take us a little time thoroughly to assimilate the doctrine which denies to a husband any sort of vested interest in his wife. People are dreadfully conservative in these matters; and there is not much risk in prophesying that the new philosophy, however ably it may be expounded, will make little work cut out in commending the transferable-wife theory to the acceptance even of its most robust disciples.

Even taking for granted the ultimate suppression of the Monopolist Instinct in these matters, it is difficult for anybody who is not a philosopher to realise how the new system could be made to work with smoothness. Let us suppose, for example, that Mrs. Smith casually mentions to Mr. Smith that she has grown tired of sharing his Clapham villa and sewing on his shirt-buttons, and that she proposes to signify the same by transferring herself to Mr. Jones. According to the rules of the new philosophy, and in its *spississima verba*, Mr. Smith would meekly remark—with a proper disregard of the Monopolist Instinct—"Let us kiss and part. Go where you will; and my best wishes go with you!" So far, so good. But how if Jones, the second selection of the "unshackled" Mrs. Smith, happened to already possess a wife who was not disposed to similarly transfer herself in order to make way for the new-comer? From which of the two ladies would the sacrifice of the Monopolist Instinct be in that case demanded? The only apparent solution is the sharing of the unfortunate Jones by the twain—a situation which not only suggests infinite possibilities of disturbance, but brings distinctly into prospect the matrimonial polity of Salt Lake City. This is, it is to be hoped, a merely hypothetical case. But it is one which is by no means to improbable fairly to illustrate the trouble that the circulating wife might be expected to bring in her train. Then, of course, there is that other and far more important consideration, which is always so carefully slurred over by our "unshackling" philosophers. Granting to the wife the right to transfer herself at will, what is to become of her children? For, according to the ethics of the new system, she may circulate as freely as she pleases, without restraint, and without moral blame, so long as she has persuaded herself that she has "grown tired" of each partner before seeking his successor. The difficulty could only be met by the formation of a sort of co-operative union among the various husbands for the maintenance and support of the transferable wife's joint family. Concerted action would seem to be, in the circumstances, the most just and reasonable resource, and it would naturally be rendered easy by the absence of any jealousy or resentment which the suppression of the Monopolist Instinct would, of course, secure. It is worth while to remember, however, that the strict equality of the sexes is the sheet-anchor of the new philosophy, and that no system of co-operative matrimony could be established under its laws which failed to hold the balance evenly between man and woman. In other words, it would be impossible to abrogate the existing rule of "one wife, one husband," without at the same time repealing the corresponding law of "one husband, one wife." Perhaps, after all, Mr. Grant Allen, there may be something to be said for the Monopolist Instinct after all.

MR. CHEVALIER ON COSTERS.

SINCE Mr. Chevalier impersonates the London coster four times every night, no one is better able than he to write about that most characteristic of Cockneys. To the first number of the *English Illustrated Magazine* under its new management, he contributes an article upon costers in their relation to Music Halls.

Mr. Chevalier gives an amusing account of an attempt he once made to have his photograph taken together with two flower-girls:—

At the Stereoscopic Company's place they had a couple of flower-girls in to have their photographs taken. The girls had no suspicion of whom I was, and I walked out of the shop into the studio in my coster toge, rigged up in my "pearlies," no end of a toff, and the girls took it quite as a matter of course that I was there to complete the group the photographer wished to secure. After a bit of chaff, I tried to get them to strike an attitude that would come out well, as a natural attitude, in the picture. Of course they could not. No one can act themselves—speaking generally. It wants an actress to play the part of flower-girl or duchess to life, neither the duchess nor the florwer-girl can play it themselves. I have often thought that the untrained amateur gentleman actor makes the poorest stage gentleman that ever trod. These flower-girls were very funny, but they would not and could not group themselves naturally. I made a final attempt. "Look 'ere," I said to one of them, "you try to think I am a nice kind of bloke and were going to have a real fine old beano. Of course I need hardly say, I'm very much indeed of you, I'm regular mashed on you and what's more, I'm going to love you"—and I put my arm round her waist. "Now, my pet, I'm goin' to whisper all kinds of real nice things to you. You say somethin' real nice to me." The moment of triumph had approached, the photographer was on the alert, the ideal picture of coster wooing would in a few seconds be an accomplished fact. The girl looked up at me and exclaimed—well! I won't say what she exclaimed, for her language was not such as the County Council would tolerate on the music-hall stage. She meant well and lovingly, but that exclamation of hers was disastrous to our gravity, and the ideal picture has still to be made.

Mr. Chevalier tells us how he manages to sing at four different music-halls on the same night:—

The music-hall stage is not all glory and honour, nor pavement of gold. Like every other profession, it demands hard work. I, for instance, do four halls every night, and on Saturdays two matinees as well. I begin each night at the Royal in Holborn at about 8-30; about 9-30 I go from there to the Canterbury in Westminster Bridge Road; at 10-30 I am at the Tivoli in the Strand; at 11 o'clock I am due at the Pavilion in Piccadilly Circus. As a rule I sing three songs at each, though I try to get off with two. I used to sing all my songs in one rig-out, with the exception of "The Old Kent-road," and then had only to don a different coat and waistcoat. But now, you see, I have to make a change from top to toe, paint and the rest of it; but I can do the whole change in two minutes, and have, in fact done it in less. Then back to my original dress—a change I can do in one minute—for my last song, and I am in the right costume also for my first song at the next show, and sometimes I have had to get out of my brougham, on my arrival at the next hall, and walk straight from it on to the stage.

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DICKENS'S RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

THE new number of the *Ladies' Home Journal* contains the concluding article in the series of recollections of her father which Miss Mamie Dickens has been writing. Miss Dickens tells once more how in 1865, while on his way home from France, the novelist was in the terrible railway accident at Staplehurst. It occurred on June 9, a date which, five years later, was the day of his death, Dickens wrote from Gad's Hill four days after the accident, describing his experiences:—

"I was in the only carriage which did not go over into the stream. It was caught upon the turn by some of the ruin of the bridge, and became suspended and balanced in an apparently impossible manner. Two ladies were my fellow-passengers, an old one and a young one. This is exactly what passed—you may judge from it the length of our suspense: Suddenly we were off the rail and beating the ground as in the car of a half-emptied balloon might. The old lady cried out, 'My God!' and the young one screamed. I caught hold of them both (the old lady sat opposite and the young one on my left) and said: 'We can't help ourselves, but we can be quiet and composed. Pray, don't cry out?' The old lady immediately answered: 'Thank you; rely upon me. Upon my soul I will be quiet.' We were then all tilted down together in a corner of the carriage, which then stopped. I said to them, thereupon, 'You may be sure nothing worse can happen; our danger must be over. Will you remain here without stirring while I get out of the window?' They both answered quite collectedly, 'Yes,' and I got out without the least notion of what had happened. Fortunately I got out with great caution, and stood upon the step. Looking down I saw the bridge gone, and nothing below me but the line of rail. Some people in the two other compartments were madly trying to plunge out at a window, and had no idea that there was an open swampy field 15 feet down below them, and nothing else. The two guards (one with his face cut) were running up and down on the down track of the bridge (which was not torn up) quite wildly. I called out to them, 'Look at me! Do stop an instant and look at me, and tell me whether you don't know me?' One of them answered, 'We know you very well, Mr. Dickens.' 'Then,' I said, 'my good fellow, for God's sake give me your key and send one of those labourers here, and I'll empty this carriage.' We did it quite safely by means of a plank or two; and when it was done I saw all the rest of the train, except the two baggage-vans, down in the stream. I got into the carriage again for my brandy flask, took off my travelling-hat for a basin, climbed down the brickwork, and filled my hat with water. Then I came upon a staggering man, covered with blood (I think he must have been flung clean out of his carriage), with such a frightful cut across the skull that I couldn't bear to look at him. I poured some water over his face and gave him some to drink, then gave him some brandy and laid him down on the grass. He said, 'I am gone,' and died afterwards. Then I stumbled over a lady lying on her back against a little pollard tree, with the blood streaming over her face (which was in bad colour) in a number of distinct little streams from the head. I was afraid if she could swallow a little brandy, and she just nodded, and I gave her some and left her for somebody else. The next time I passed her she was dead. Then a man examined at the inquest yesterday (who evidently had not the least remembrance of what really passed) came running up to me and implored me to help him find his wife, who was afterwards found dead. No imagination can conceive the ruin of the carriages, or the extraordinary weights under which the people were lying, or the complications into which they were twisted up among iron and wood, and mud and water."

Dickens never completely recovered from the shock he then sustained, and from that time until his death he frequently, while travelling by rail or even in a cab, felt a vague sense of dread which he said he had no power to check.

TRAPPEAN ROCKS.

"TRAP" was at one time a term applied to any igneous rock, tolerably compact, and of a newish date, which was not granitic. It was, as Professor Bonney very aptly remarks, a "travellers term"—one used legitimately when a more precise one was impossible. In roughly grouping the unstratified rocks, therefore, it may be usefully retained to describe the entire group of which the "whinstone of the North Country people is the type, though the specialised labours of petrominoscopists have succeeded in dividing them into a number of classes, one of which slides almost insensibly into the granitic. Indeed, the rock near Dresden, which Werner at one time classed as syenite, was afterwards assigned by him to the dolerites. This transition is clearly shown in the bust of Siemens in the British Museum. Though composed of one continuous mass of rock, the head, as Richardson pointed out many years ago, is of syenite, or granitite, while the body is of undoubted greenstone. Yet, though the lithologists may cavil at such broad distinction between this order of rocks and the one which preceded it, the physico-geographer can rarely have any difficulty in the matter. The trap series are, in general language, known when they have been ranged out of ancient volcanoes, for the most part under water, and are in the majority of instances associated with strata of a newer age than those through which granite bursts. Otherwise their mode of occurrence is not widely different. They intersect the stratified rocks in the shape of veins, which often harden into wall-like upright seams ("dykes"), or overspread them in the form of sheets, or pour out on the surface into rounded knolls. Indeed, these trappean rocks have been one of the powerful agents in disrupting and altering the stratified rocks through which they have been erupted in a molten condition. The scenery of a trappean country is, as a rule, more picturesque than that of a granite one. The step-like terraces, so characteristic of trap, and the tendency to crumble in more or less cuboidal fragments give variety to the cliffs of this rock, even when it does not rise in the form of conical hills; while the rich and usually productive soil from the weathering of all volcanic rocks, combined with the easy drainage afforded by their many joints, renders the regions where they rise to the surface unusually fertile, and, therefore, more thickly peopled than one more barren. The trappean rocks also assume more varied forms than the granitic, and though the hills which they enter into the composition of—the Welsh, Derbyshire, Cheviot, Lammermoor, Ochil, Pentland, and most of the Irish ones, for example—are rarely so lofty as those of granitic origin, they gain in capability for human occupation what they lose in Alpine grandeur. Add to this that when the traps tend to take a columnar form they give a remarkable feature to many of the show places of the world, Fingal's Cave, Samson's Ribs on Arthur's Seat, near Edinburgh, and the Giant's Causeway, in Ireland, being among the most familiar types of this form of "basalt."—

A GANG of coiners, whose operations have been going on for some time, have just been brought to book in the Nursingpur District; and their method of procedure as eventually brought to light is curious enough to deserve description. It had been noticed by the bunnias and police that spurious rupees were becoming very common in the markets of the Jubulpore and Hoshungabad Divisions, but there was nothing to connect this fact with the presence of a small caravan of travellers, who with their families and household effects had come down from Central India and were moving across the country after the fashion of petty traders or pilgrims. It was to these nomads, however, that the introduction of the debased coinage was eventually traced. The way in which it was brought into circulation must be pronounced ingenious, but at the same time too tedious to suit any but an Oriental swindler. The party having encamped near a village, one of their number would go up to the houses, generally choosing an hour when the men would be likely to be absent or asleep, to make some small purchase. In payment he would tender, say, a Hyderabad or Indore rupee. This, of course, would be rejected by the prudent housewife. The simple-minded stranger then expresses a wish to see the sort of rupee which they do take in British territory, and one or two are fetched and handed to him for inspection. The coins are given back, with thanks, the stranger departs, and it is probably not till next market-day at earliest that the household discovers that it is somehow in possession of a rupee consisting of very little silver and a great deal of base metal, including a little zinc to make it ring—a colourable imitation of a rupee, but one that will never be passed by any bunnia. In the interval the strangers, even if suspected would have moved away. At last, however, they made the mistake of playing the trick in a village where it was market-day. The man on whom the bad rupee had been passed, happened to go out shortly afterwards to do his shopping, and the coin was promptly detected by the stall-keeper. His suspicion being thus aroused he communicated with the police and the stranger was tracked, with the result that the whole party, which he had rejoined meanwhile, were arrested at one coup. The implements of their trade were found on them, as well as a sum of nine hundred rupees in British currency, which would seem to show that their way of working, if slow, was steadily profitable. A curious fact then brought out was that the four principals had all been baptised into Christianity since they came down to the Central Provinces—whether as a sort of passport with the police, or to divert suspicion, or in view of mitigation of sentence when the day of reckoning should arrive, it is hard to judge. If the last was their expectation, they must have been doomed to disappointment, for three of them have been sentenced to seven years', and the fourth, a boy, to four years' imprisonment.

IN the matter of longevity Christians cut a poor figure beside the followers of the Prophet. According to the *Saadet*, a highly-respectable Turkish contemporary, there is at this moment a seller of tesbih in the Mosque of the Sultan Bajazet, at Constantinople, who has attained the venerable age of a hundred and thirty, and is still hale and hearty. Not even a severe course of matrimony appears to have had any appreciable effect upon Hadji Mehmed Effendi's vital powers, for we are assured that he took to himself his fifty-eighth bride a couple of years ago, whilst he has long since ceased to keep count of his children. This veracious history will no doubt afford much consolation to Mr. Gladstone's followers. With forty-five years of life before him the Grand Old Man might have some prospect of getting the Home Rule Bill through. It would almost be worth while embracing Mahomedanism, to say nothing of the wives, just on the off chance.

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A NEW ZEALAND COLONIZATION SCHEME.

IN the summer of 1890 the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company (Limited) with a capital of £2,000,000, and a debenture issue of £1,500,000, was formed for the purpose of acquiring certain properties in New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji, belonging to the Bank of New Zealand, which had been empowered by special Act of the Colonial Legislature to realize them to the best advantage. The assets thus taken over consisted largely of extensive landed and other properties—chiefly in New Zealand itself—which had come into the possession of the bank owing to the default of borrowers. The value of these assets stood originally in the books of the bank at £4,250,000; but in July, 1890, a further valuation was made, and this sum was then reduced to £3,107,000. The basis, however, upon which the properties were taken over by the estates company left the entire shareholding the property of the Bank of New Zealand, by whom the ultimate benefit of the profitable realization will be consequently derived. The question has very naturally arisen as to how the vast possessions which have thus come under the control of the Estates Company should be turned to account; and it has been thought desirable, in the interests alike of the colony and of the bank, that some scheme should be formulated for disposing of such lands as are suitable for the purpose in small holdings direct to the occupier and cultivator, in order to attach as many persons as possible to the soil. With this object in view there has for some time been under consideration scheme under which it is proposed to form another company, to be called the New Zealand Colonization Company, with the view of providing thereby the necessary machinery for enabling British farmers and other suitable persons to emigrate to New Zealand, and settle there on the lands in question. The scheme has not yet assumed definite shape, beyond the drawing up of an elaborate memorandum and articles of association, and further action will probably be delayed pending the return to London, next May, of Mr. R. H. Glyn, the president of the Bank of New Zealand, and a director of the Estates Company, who is now in New Zealand, making inquiries into, among other matters, the prospects of the proposed colonization scheme, and the way in which it can best be carried out. It is, however, regarded as practically certain that the project will, in due course, become an accomplished fact, and there is a belief that it may eventually assume proportions of considerable magnitude.

As the Colonization Company is intended mainly to facilitate the operations of the Estates Company in settling desirable emigrants on the land, the capital will be little more than nominal without any idea of making profit for the new concern. The "objects" in view, however, as set forth in the official memorandum, are of the widest and most comprehensive character, in view of future possibilities and developments, though it is evidently not to be supposed that they will all be sought at once. The British farmers, who are more especially being kept in view by the framers of the ambitious programme embraced by the memorandum, may, of course, inquire how, after the successive periods of agricultural depression they have pass through, they are to surmount the initial financial difficulty of transporting themselves, their wives, and their children to New Zealand. Many of them at least might reasonably suggest that the payment of the passage money would so far reduce their means that they would not have enough left on which to start life afresh. But this, too, has been thought of, and it is quite possible that some means may be devised under which families possessed of a reasonable amount of capital may be enable to take practically the whole amount with them, and start operations at once, with the sum total of their resources on the already "improved" land of which they may

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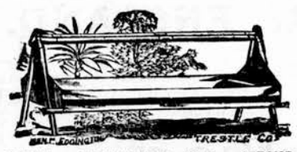

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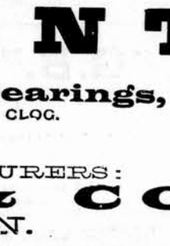
THE DOT. 22/6  22/6
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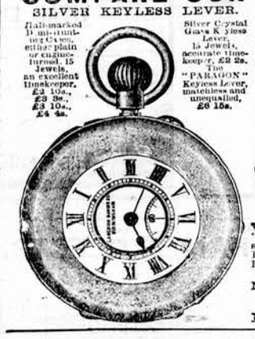
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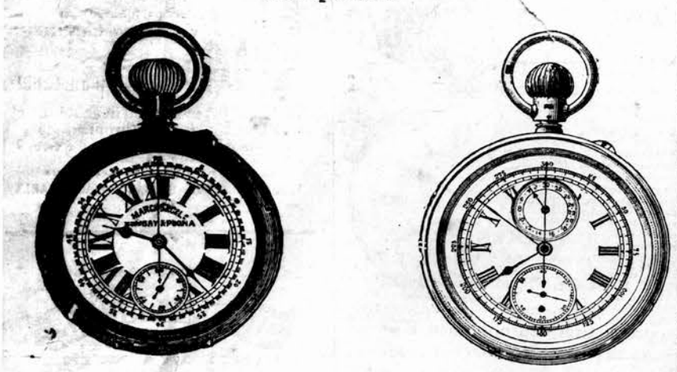

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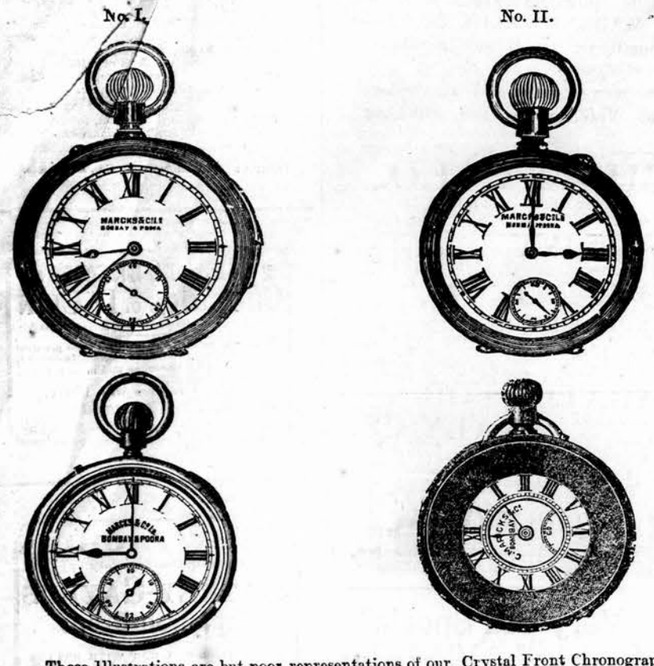

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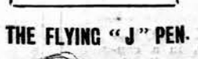

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